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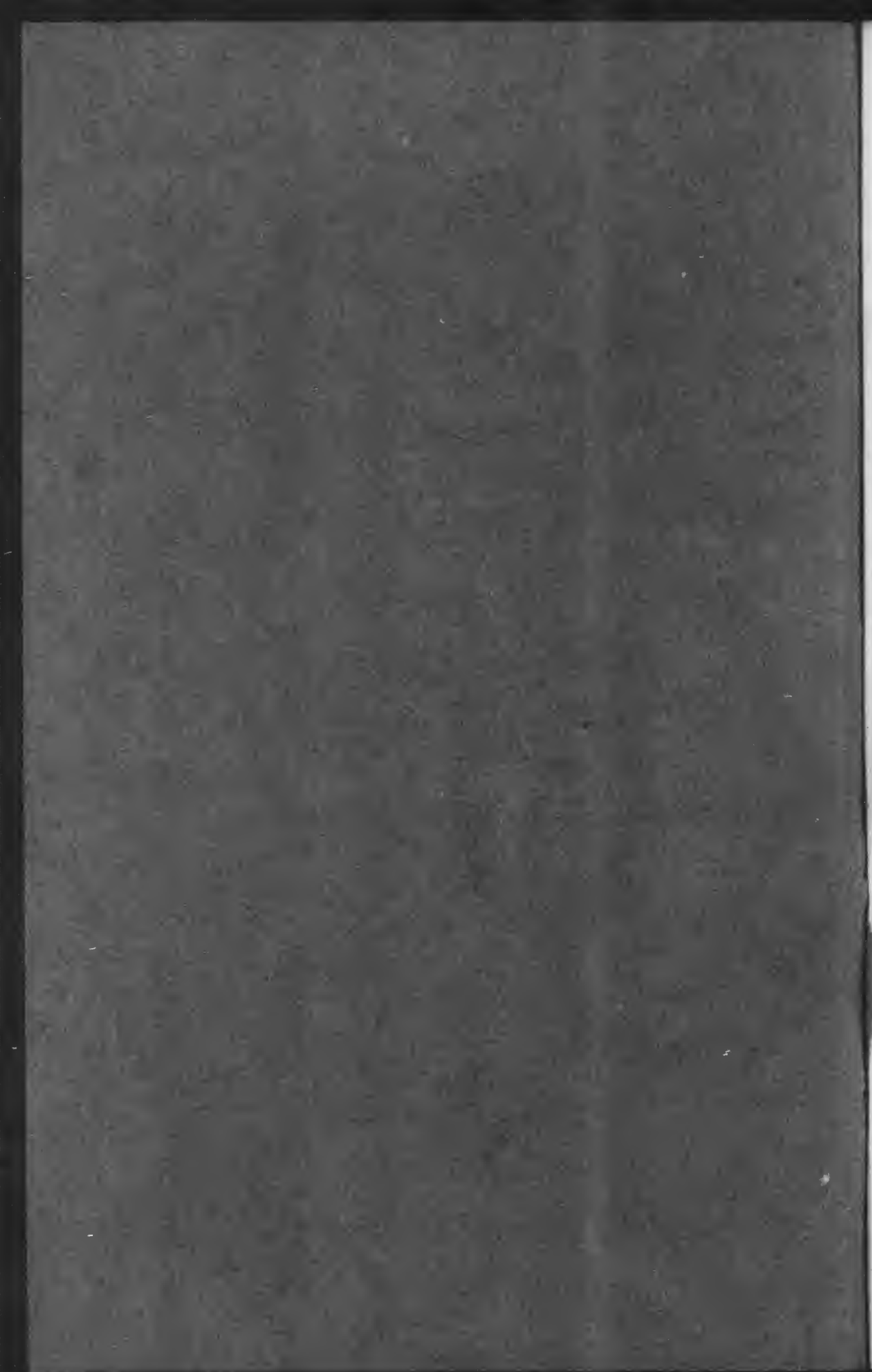
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Conference Directory,

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Wright, H. F.....	Federalsburg.....	Federalsburg, Md.
Wright, J. A.....	Kemptown.....	Kemptown, Frederick Co, Md.
Yingling, J. M.....	Sussex.....	Laurel, Del.
Zepp, C. M.....	Mt. Nebo.....	Slate Hill, York Co, Pa.

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142 Ministers Deduct 54
 128 Laymen Leaves 246
270 Total

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MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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✓ 79	S. B. Southerland	1841	1843	286	E. A. Warfield.....	1884	1886
86	J. J. Murray	1842	1845	287	J. W. Norris	1884	1886 ✓ -
✓ 121	David Wilson	1845	1847	292	J. W. Kirk.....	1885	1886 ✓ -
✓ 140	E. J. Drinkhouse.....	1850	1852	293	B. W. Kindley.....	1885	1887
✓ 142	W. S. Hammond.....	1851	1853	294	H. L. Elderdice.....	1885	1885
✓ 147	C. H. Littleton.....	1852	1853	296	F. T. Benson.....	1886	1887 ✓ -
149	H. C. Cushing.....	1853	1853	298	Elmer Simpson.....	1886	1887
155	A. D. Dick.....	1854	1856	299	J. F. Wooden.....	1886	1889
✓ 164	W. M. Strayer.....	1858	1860	301	G. D. Edmondston.....	1886	1868
167	J. E. Maloy	1859	1861	302	B. P. Truitt.....	1887	1889
✓ 169	S. A. Hoblitzell	1859	1860	304	E. H. Van Dyke	1887	1889 ✓
✓ 173	J. L. Mills.....	1860	1862	305	G. W. Haddaway.....	1888	1890 ✓ -
180	J. W. Gray.....	1861	1863	308	H. W. D. Johnson.....	1888	1891
182	J. B. Jones.....	1861	1862	309	J. H. S. Ewell.....	1889	1891
190	J. D. Kinzer.....	1863	1865	310	G. R. Hodge.....	1889	1891
192	W. D. Litsinger	1863	1865	312	W. S. Phillips.....	1889	1892
198	R. S. Rowe.....	1865	1865	314	C. E. McCullough.....	1889	1891
✓ 200	J. M. Holmes.....	1865	1867	315	W. M. Poisal.....	1889	1864 ✓
204	A. W. Mather.....	1866	1868	316	H. S. Johnson	1890	1892
206	J. T. Lassell.....	1866	1866	321	R. K. Lewis	1891	1893
✓ 209	D. L. Greenfield.....	1868	1870	322	L. F. Warner	1891	1893 +
✓ 218	J. L. Straughn	1870	1872	323	J. W. Parris.....	1891	1891 ✓ -
✓ 225	F. T. Tagg.....	1870	1871	324	Avery Donovan.....	1891	1892
✓ 226	W. A. Crouse.....	1870	1870	325	S. W. Coe.....	1891	Tr.
✓ 228	W. J. Neepier.....	1871	1873	326	Dorsey Blake	1892	1893
230	A. A. Harryman.....	1871	1873	327	L. A. Bennett.....	1892	1892
232	J. G. Sullivan.....	1871	1873	328	C. M. Cullum.....	1892	1893
✓ 236	A. D. Melvin.....	1872	1874	329	G. R. Donaldson.....	1892	1895
✓ 237	F. T. Little	1872	1873	330	E. S. Fooks.....	1892	1894 ✓ -
✓ 238	S. B. Tredway.....	1872	1874	331	A. H. Green	1892	1894
✓ 239	T. O. Crouse	1872	1874	333	F. H. Lewis.....	1892	1893 ✓ -
240	J. M. Yingling	1873	1875	334	C. K. McCaslin	1892	1893
241	W. R. Graham.....	1873	1874	336	L. R. Randall.....	1892	1894
242	W. J. D. Lucas.....	1873	1876	338	J. A. Wright.....	1892	1892
244	G. F. Farring	1873	1876	339	G. M. Clayton	1893	1896
245	F. H. Mullineaux	1873	1876	340	J. McL. Brown.....	1893	1894
246	J. A. Weigand.....	1874	1876	341	G. W. Hines.....	1893	1896
249	G. O. Bacchus.....	1874	1877	342	W. B. Judefind.....	1893	1896
✓ 253	C. S. Arnett.....	1875	1878	343	E. C. Makosky	1893	1895
254	J. M. Sheridan.....	1875	1877	344	C. P. Nowlin.....	1893	1895
261	T. H. Lewis.....	1876	1876	345	T. P. Revelle.....	1893	1895 ✓
262	J. W. Trout	1876	1879	346	G. L. Wolfe.....	1893	1895
265	S. J. Smith.....	1877	1881	347	A. S. Beane.....	1893	1891
270	D. W. Austine	1879	1882	348	G. J. Hill.....	1894	1894
271	F. C. Klein	1879	1881	349	W. H. Litsinger.....	1894	1896
274	J. L. Elderdice.....	1880	1883	350	H. E. Nelson	1894	1896
275	G. R. McCready.....	1880	1883	353	F. S. Cain.....	1895	1898
✓ 278	J. S. Bowers.....	1881	1884	354	H. L. Schlincke.....	1895	1897
279	J. W. Balderston.....	1881	1883	355	C. E. Dryden.....	1895	1897
280	J. E. Nicholson	1881	1875	356	H. O. Keen.....	1895	1898
282	J. M. Gill.....	1882	1885	357	G. A. Morris	1895	1898
284	S. F. Cassen	1883	1886	358	F. L. Stevens.....	1895	1897
285	E. O. Ewing	1884	Tr.				

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359	A. N. Ward.....	1895	1897	380	G. E. Brown.....	1899
360	T. H. Wright.....	1895	1893	381	C. M. Compher.....	1900	1901
361	J. F. Bryan.....	1896	1897	382	J. L. Nichols ..	1900	1903
362	N. O. Gibson	1896	1898	383	F. J. Phillips.....	1900	1903
363	F. A. Holland	1896	1897	384	W. N. Sherwood	1900	1903 ✓ -
✓ 364	E. D. Stone	1896	1898	385	E. P. Perry.....	1900	1903
365	G. H. Stocksdales	1896	1899	386	E. H. Jones.....	1900	.....
366	H. F. Wright.....	1896	1897	388	J. H. Straughn.....	1901	1903
✓ 368	C. L. Daugherty.....	1897	1899	389	C. R. Strausburg.....	1901	.....
369	W. A. Melvin.....	1897	1898	390	Thomas Wheeler.....	1901	.....
✓ 371	E. T. Read	1897	1899	391	H. H. Price.....	1902 ✓
372	J. L. Ward	1897	1899	392	P. H. Crosby.....	1903	.....
✓ 373	A. A. Bichell	1898	1899	393	D. M. Dibble	1903 ✓ -
374	J. M. Dickey	1898	1900	394	G. J. Hooker.....	1903 ✓ -
376	C. M. Zepp.....	1899	1900	395	F. P. Krauss.....	1903	.....
377	B. F. Ruley	1899	1900	396	Clayborne Phillips	1903 ✓ -
✓ 378	H. S. Leas.....	1899	1900	397	H. C. Staley.....	1903 +
✓ 379	T. R. Woodford.....	1899	1900	398	R. L. Shipley.....	1903 ✓ -

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Middleway.....		St. Michaels.....	T. E. Harrison
Millville.....		Susquehanna.....	H. N. Baldwin
Milton.....	J. B. Morris	Sussex.....	C. T. Pusey
Mt. Nebo.....	J. E. Barnett	Talbot.....	R. R. Butler
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Newark.....	G. S. Lawson	Union.....	J. T. Bailey
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North Baltimore.....	J. B. Thomas	Waltersville.....	I. W. Roberts
North Carolina Ave.....	J. G. Rockwood	Warwick.....	R. S. Griffith
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<i>Charges.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>
Accomac.....		J. D. Grant.
		A. J. Lewis.
Alnutt Memorial.....		T. H. Bartlett.
		W. P. Roberts.
Amelia.....		H. C. Hall.
Cambridge.....	C. M. McAllister.....	H. C. Shipley.
Campbell.....		J. W. Mason.
Central.....	Oliver Cox.....	
	G. W. Honey...	
Centreville.....	W. E. Thompson.....	
Chesapeake.....		A. L. Judefind.
		B. F. Bryan.
		C. M. Elderdice.
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		G. I. Humphreys.
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Preparatory Course.

- W. S. HAMMOND—Binney's Theological Compend.
 J. T. LASSELL—The New Testament. English Grammar.
 W. M. STRAYER—Smith's Smaller Scripture History. Conference Official Reports.
 J. L. MILLS—Miller's Clerical Habits and Manners.
 Merrill's Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.
 S. B. SOTTERLAND—Constitution and Discipline of the M. P Church.

First Year's Class.

- T. H. LEWIS—Fisher's Manuel of Christian Evidences.
 Miley's Theology, vol. I to page 155.
 D. L. GREENFIELD—Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
 A written sermon submitted February 1st.
 J. M. HOLMES—Nicholl's Help to the Study of the Bible.
 J. W. GRAY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I.
Students—P. W. Crosby, D. M. Dibble, G. J. Hooker, F. P. Krauss, Clayborne Phillips, H. C. Staley, R. S. Shipley.

Second Year's Class.

- H. C. CUSHING—Miley's Theology, vol. I, page 155 to end.
 S. B. TREDWAY—Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.
 W. M. STRAYER—Fisher's Church History. (Complete.)
 J. E. MALOY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, vol. II.
 D. L. GREENFIELD—A written sermon submitted February 1st.
Students—E. H. Jones, H. H. Price, C. R. Strausburg.

Third Year's Class.

- H. C. CUSHING—Miley's Theology, vol. II. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.
 J. S. BOWERS—Foster's Supernatural Book.
 A. W. MATHER—Miller's Christian Ministry.

The following books are to be read by the class and a written Syllabus presented to the examiners at the time indicated :

- H. C. CUSHING—Vincent's Modern Sunday School, submitted August 1st
 J. S. BOWERS—Peck's The Revival and the Pastor, submitted November 1st.
 A. W. MATHER—Buckley's Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching, Submitted February 1st.
Students—J. H. Straughn and Thomas Wheeler, a Syllabus on Miller's Christian Ministry.

Graduates from Westminster Theological Seminary shall not be examined in any of the studies of this course except in Hebrew and Greek ; but such students shall present each year theses on theological subjects to be appointed by the examiners in Systematic Theology.

All students who desire to be examined in Hebrew and Greek will appear before H. L. ELDERDICE in Hebrew. 1st year, Ruth; 2nd year, Jonah; 3rd year, Malachi. J. J. MURRAY and J. T. LASSELL, Associate, in Greek Phil., 4th chapter, 4th to 20th verses inclusive.

S. B. Southerland will deliver a lecture on the Practice and Theory of our Church Government and every Student is required to attend this Lecture and Examination, and also to answer the question: "Have you spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and in prayer?"

The Faculty meets Tuesday before Conference at 10.00 A. M. to examine Students, and at 7.30 P. M. for business.

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate either for reception on trial or into any class of the course or for orders. Two-thirds will be marked 70. All questions answered, or less three, will be marked 100, and all receiving 100 will be reported to the Conference.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary*

DEAD ROLL.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim., iv. 7, 8.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Con- ference</i>	<i>Died</i>
Charles Rigby	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull	1785	1829	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays.....	....	1830	1831
William Bamber .....	....	1831	1832
Charles Wesley Jacobs.....	1812	1829	1833
John James Hanson.....	....	1829	1834
William Kesley .....	....	1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger.....	....	1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh.....	....	1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D.....	....	1833	1844
William W. Maddux.....	....	1838	1844
William W. Ball.....	....	1842	1844
William H. Boardley.....	....	1843	1846
Samuel D. Norwood.....	1820	1844	1847
Isaac Webster.....	1787	1829	1851
Levi Rogers Reese.....	1806	1832	1851
Frederick Stier.....	1783	1830	1851
Richard Adkinson.....	1817	1841	1851
Levin A. Collins.....	1814	1837	1853
John Smith Reese, M. D.....	1790	1829	1855
Francis George Wright.....	1823	1849	1859
Nevelle Steele Greenaway.....	1824	1852	1861
William Turbert Wright.....	1808	1845	1862
Washington Roby.....	1816	1839	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell.....	1832	1856	1862
Josiah Varden.....	1806	1831	1863
George D. Hamilton.....	1798	1831	1864
Reuben Tyler Boyd.....	1794	1833	1865
Thomas Hart Benton Austin.....	1842	1863	1865
James Francis Whiteside.....	1828	1850	1866
Eli Henkle.....	1787	1829	1867
Francis Waters, D. D.....	1792	1838	1867
Thomas H. Burgess.....	1828	1861	1868
Thomas Mahlon Wilson.....	1814	1842	1870
Luther J. Cox.....	1791	1869	1870
Christian Eversole.....	1820	1852	1870
Daniel Bowers.....	1832	1854	1871
John Morgan.....	1811	1844	1871
Henry C. Hayghe.....	1844	1869	1871
John Elderdice.....	1814	1838	1874
John Roberts.....	1818	1843	1875

DEAD ROLL—Continued.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Con- ference</i>	<i>Died</i>
Amon Richards.....	1787	1870	1876
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.....	1813	1839	1877
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D.....	1810	1830	1877
Samuel Guest Valiant.....	1852	1870	1877
William C. Ames, D. D. S.....	1839	1869	1878
John Edgar Read.....	1846	1865	1878
Thomas M. Bryan.....	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb.....	1792	1869	1879
Thomas Asbury Moore.....	1824	1845	1881
David Norwood Gilbert.....	1851	1873	1881
Isaac Tunnel Adkins.....	1809	1865	1881
Thomas Lee	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson.....	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick.....	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell.....	1832	1859	1884
James Martin Elderdice.....	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray.....	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon.....	1845	1866	1885
Joseph Alexander McFaden.....	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker.....	1813	1841	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton.....	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm.....	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.....	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.....	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston.....	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson.....	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith.....	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.....	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson.....	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson.....	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman.....	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood.....	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Valiant.....	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D.....	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D.....	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D.....	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton.....	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn.....	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson.....	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols.....	1815	1838	1896
James Thomas Ward, D. D.....	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris.....	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D.....	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist.....	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis.....	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter.....	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.....	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith.....	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day.....	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes.....	1822	1855	1900
Laurence Webster Bates, D. D.....	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd.....	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve.....	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.....	1834	1859	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D.....	1835	1856	1902

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FIRST DAY—Wednesday.

POCOMOKE CITY, MD., April 1, 1903.

The Seventy-fifth Session of the Maryland Annual Conference convened in Bethany Methodist Protestant Church, Pocomoke City, Md., at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, April 1, 1903. President F. T. Little conducted the opening devotional exercises. Hymn 15, "Come Thou Almighty King" was sung; the President led in prayer and read from the Word of God, Psalms 126 and 133 and the fourth chapter of Ephesians.

The President called S. B. Southerland to the chair and read his report of the work of the District for the year. The President's character was passed. (Report A.)

The roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary, W. S. Phillips, and the names of B. F. Benson and J. E. T. Ewell were transferred to the Dead-roll.

J. M. Holmes made the motion that the roll of probationary members of the Conference be called now and hereafter. The motion was carried.

W. M. Strayer moved that during the Conference the roll-call be dispensed with unless required for quorum. The Secretary of the Conference amended that only the names of those still absent be called. The whole matter was laid on the table.

The President then read the list of standing committees. (See list.)

J. M. Holmes made a statement concerning the evangelistic work and requested the co-operation of the Conference. The Conference gave its hearty endorsement to the work.

On motion, F. P. Krauss was made Conference Postmaster.

The President made appointments for the morning devotional services as follows: Thursday, W. B. Judefind; Friday, W. H. Litsinger; Saturday, E. D. Stone; Monday, J. H. Straughn; Tuesday, J. M. Dickey.

The order of the day having arrived for the Conference sermon, T. H. Lewis and D. L. Greenfield took seats on the platform. The devotional exercises consisted of hymn 120, prayer by Dr. Greenfield, responsive reading from the Psalms and hymn 408. The offering was received after which Dr. Lewis preached, taking his text from Luke, 12 : 32, " Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

The morning session closed with the benediction by S.B. Southerland.

Afternoon.

The President called the Conference to order at 2:15.

The bar of the house was fixed at the first pew this side of second window from the door.

A. W. Mather offered a resolution fixing the time of the memorial service and communion for 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 1.)

L. F. Warner, for J. D. Kinzer, offered a resolution rescinding the recommendations of the report of the Committee on Official Character adopted last Conference. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 2.)

The order of the day having arrived, the Conference proceeded to the election of officers. The President appointed H. E. Nelson and J. G. Coleman tellers. The following were elected : President, F. T. Little ; Secretary, W. S. Phillips ; Board of Stewards (to serve in 1904) : Conference, T. R. Woodford ; Church Extension, E. S. Fooks ; Superannuate Fund, W. H. Litsinger ; Foreign Missions, W. A. Melvin ; General Home Missions, G. M. Clayton ; Educational, J. M. Dickey ; Church Home, L. A. Bennett ; Bible and Tract, N. O. Gibson.

It was moved by A. D. Melvin that the Secretary of the Conference cast unanimous ballot of the Conference for the Standing District Committee : J. D. Kinzer, W. S. Hammond, J. L. Straughn, T. P. Fisher, W. B. Usilton, W. G. Baker. The motion was carried and the Secretary cast the ballot.

The ballot for Committee on Appeals was taken, and on motion by J. E. Nicholson the tellers were permitted to withdraw and count the ballots, which resulted as follows : W. S. Hammond, A. D. Melvin, J. D. Kinzer, with no laymen elected. J. L. Straughn moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for the three laymen receiving the highest number of votes. The motion was carried and T. P. Fisher, E. B. Fenby and J. G. Coleman were declared elected.

The President then appointed C. M. Zepp to collect dues for Superannuated Fund Society and C. M. Compher for the Church Extension Society. C. S. Jump volunteered to collect for the sexton

J. W. Kirk was given the floor and made a call for volunteers for the house to house visitation.

The report of the Agent of the Twentieth Century Fund was read and adopted. (See Report H.)

The report of the Conference Parsonage Committee was referred to the Board of Finance.

The Secretary then read his report and it was adopted, and the financial statement was referred to the Board of Finance. (Report B.)

The Secretary appointed as his assistants, J. H. S. Ewell and J. H. Straughn.

On motion by J. M. Sheridan the Conference hours were fixed from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock and from 2:00 o'clock to adjourn at pleasure.

Papers were referred, on motion, to the Faculty of Instruction, to the Church Extension Committee and to the Board of Finance.

The Citizens' National Bank and the Pocomoke City National Bank kindly tendered to the Conference the use of their directors' rooms.

On motion, papers were referred to the Church Extension Committee and to the Temperance Committee.

S. B. Tredway moved that the tract collection be eliminated from the list of the church collections. The motion was withdrawn.

The President of the Seminary offered a resolution with reference to the publication of Dr. Lewis's sermon and that a committee of three be appointed to consider the form in which the publication shall appear. The resolution was adopted (Resolution 3), and the following committee was appointed: H. L. Elderdice, F. T. Tagg and Ara P. Bowen.

A paper from Denton was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Communications from E. J. Drinkhouse and David Wilson, expressing regret for their inability to attend the Conference and requesting their continuance in a supernumerary relation were read. On motion, their requests were granted.

A letter from E. H. VanDyke was read and on motion by F. C. Klein was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The requests of W. S. Hammond, C. S. Arnett and W. M. Poisal, that they be left without appointment for another year, were granted.

The Secretary offered an amendment to Rule II. of Rules of Order—"Duties of Secretary." On motion by J. E. Nicholson the matter was referred to a special committee of three, as follows: F. T. Tagg, T. P. Fisher and M. A. Davis.

The President informed the Conference that a letter from J. N. Warfield had been received, enclosing a check of \$150.00 for the Superannuated Fund. He then addressed the Conference relative to the time he would be at leisure to consult with pastors and delegates.

On motion by F. C. Klein Conference adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by F. T. Tagg.

SECOND DAY—Thursday.

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by C. E. Dryden. Promptly at 9:30 o'clock, the President called the Conference to order. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Papers from Bethany, Rhode Island Avenue, North Carolina Avenue, First Church, Washington; Cumberland, Federalsburg, Reliance, Eutaw, Mt. Nebo, Keen Memorial, Fox Hill, West Wilmington, Dover and Pocomoke circuit were referred to Committee on Church Extension.

A communication from Chateau was referred to the Board of Finance.

The Secretary moved that the names of those who had not responded to the roll-call be called. The motion was carried and said names were called.

A communication from Millville quarterly conference was read, and on motion was referred to the following special committee of three: A. D. Melvin, J. W. Kirk, E. W. Tull.

A communication from Dr. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary Board of Ministerial Education, stating his inability to attend the Conference and requesting the Conference to authorize H. L. Elderdice to receive money due the Board, was read. The request was granted and the communication referred to Committee on Education.

A letter from Mrs. Alice D. Davis, daughter of A. D. Dick, telling of the illness of her father and mother, and his consequent inability to attend the Conference was read. F. T. Tagg made a motion that the Secretary write to Brother Dick and express to him the sympathy of the Conference in his affliction. The motion was carried.

The President then stated to the Conference that he had written to J. N. Warfield.

A communication from W. D. Stultz, President of the New Jersey Conference, relative to the 2700 Methodist Protestant families in Philadelphia, was read, and referred to a special committee of three on a motion by F. T. Tagg. The President appointed J. L. Mills, D. L. Greenfield, J. G. Coleman.

The roll was called and pastors deposited reports.

A letter from J. H. Daugherty with reference to ordination credentials was read. On motion by T. H. Lewis, which prevailed, the Secretary was instructed to prepare a certificate stating Brother Daugherty's ordination, and forward same to him.

J. D. Kinzer submitted the report of the Board of Governors of Westminster Theological Seminary, and on motion by F. C. Klein, it was referred to Committee on Education. (See Report G.)

The Secretary offered a resolution that Elder's Credentials be re-issued to those desiring them. Resolution was adopted. (Resolution 5.)

The report of the special committee on the publication of Dr. Lewis's sermon was read and adopted. (See Report H.) Following its request,

subscriptions were received from the Conference to the extent of 2400 copies.

Rev. Dr. McIlvane, Agent Maryland Tract Society, Rev. Dr. Twilley, of the M. E. Church South, and Dr. G. E. McManiman, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Home Missions, were introduced to the Conference. J. S. Bowers moved that Dr. McIlvane be heard at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon. The motion prevailed.

J. W. Kirk made an announcement with reference to the evangelistic services.

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory was read and referred to the Committee on Literature. (See Report H.)

The report of the committee to confer with committess from other denominations on Sabbath desecration was read and adopted. (See report I.)

R. S. Rowe offered a resolution that the time of the next session of Conference be fixed for the first Wednesday in April. (Resolution 11.)

J. S. Bowers submitted the report of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The report was read and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

It was moved that the report of the Executive Committee of Our Church Home be made the order of the day for 3:30 P. M. Carried.

J. S. Bowers read the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report J)

A. D. Melvin, Endowment Secretary of Western Maryland College, requested the pastors to co-operate in furnishing him with information concerning the Sunday Schools.

The chairmen announced time for the meeting of their several committees.

The benediction was pronounced by W. S. Hammond

Afternoon.

The President called the Conference to order promptly at 2:00 o'clock. Papers referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

J. M. Holmes offered a resolution to the effect that the Committee on Official Character be instructed to report to the Conference the names of the charges deficient in Conference assessments in order that the delegates of said charges may state in open Conference why they are deficient.

J. M. Sheridan offered a substitute that the delegate appear with the pastor before the said committee and there state the reason. The substitute was adopted. (Resolution 6.)

A. W. Mather moved that every report be termed deficient on which assessments were not reported paid in full. The motion prevailed. (Resolution 7).

Complying with the recommendation of the Secretary that a committee be appointed to secure data for Conference Rolls, the President appointed R. K. Lewis.

J. D. Kinzer submitted the report of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society. On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for the election of J. W. Chapman to the Board to succeed Luther J. Cox. On a further motion the report was adopted. (See Report G.)

Nothing being before the house, on motion by J. S. Bowers, which prevailed, Dr. McIlvane addressed the Conference.

A resolution with respect to bribery, offered by C. M. Cullum, was read. The resolution was amended by J. J. Murray, and on a motion by T. H. Lewis the whole matter was referred to a special committee. The President appointed J. J. Murray, G. Q. Bacchus and J. W. Lambert.

A communication from the Christian Endeavor Union was referred to the Committee on Christian Endeavor.

J. L. Mills submitted the report of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference. T. H. Lewis moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for the re-election of the members of the Board whose terms expire with this Conference. J. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather, Daniel Baker and J. G. Clarke were declared elected. The report as a whole adopted. (Report C.)

The report of the Executive Committee of Our Church Home was taken up at this juncture and read by L. F. Warner. The report was adopted. (Report D.)

A communication was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

W. J. Neeper read the report of the Committee on President's Parsonage. (See Report A.) It was amended by T. H. Lewis, and on motion the whole matter was referred to a special committee. The President appointed T. H. Lewis, J. W. Balderston and J. P. Nicholson.

The Committee on Pulpit Supply read its report, which was adopted.

A communication was referred to Church Extension Committee.

There being no further business, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by E. A. Warfield.

THIRD DAY.—Friday:

The morning devotional services were conducted by W. H. Litsinger.

Promptly at 9:30 o'clock the Conference was called to order by the President.

It was moved and carried that the roll-call be dispensed with.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

J. E. Nicholson moved that the name of Philip Scarff, delegate from Belair, be struck from the roll and the name of A. A. Robinson, the alternate, be inserted. Amended by W. M. Strayer. On motion of F. C. Klein, the matter was referred to Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the ministers and delegates from Laurel and Reliance were excused until Monday.

Communications from First Church, Wilmington; Quantico, Amelia, and Baltimore, were referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The roll of committees was called to receive reports.

The report of the special committee on the report of the President's Parsonage Committee was read and adopted. (See Report A).

The report of the special committee on resolution of the Secretary amending Rules was read and adopted. (See Report B, and Resolution 4).

Rule suspended, and J. D. Kinzer moved that the Conference adjourn for the day at twelve o'clock in order that committees might have time for their work. Motion amended by the Secretary, requesting committees to report not later than Monday if possible. Amendment was adopted, and the motion as amended adopted.

The delegate from Pittsville was excused until Monday.

The report of the special Committee on Bribery was read and adopted. (Report X).

C. S. Jump, special Committee on Collection for the Sexton, reported \$25.45 collected for sexton. On motion, he was instructed to pay the money over to the sexton and the Committee was discharged with the thanks of the Conference.

A resolution requesting the daily papers to publish Saturday's proceedings in Monday's issue was adopted. (Resolution 8).

A resolution requesting a collection to be taken of \$15.00 to purchase copies of the Minutes for the hosts of the Conference was offered. With the permission of the Conference the resolution was withdrawn.

A supplemental report of the Committee on Pulpit Supply was read and adopted.

W. J. Neepier moved that the Conference give way to a meeting of the Church Extension Society. The motion prevailed, and the Society went into session.

Upon resuming Conference business, F. T. Tagg made a motion that the President appoint a special committee to take into consideration the Historical Records prepared by T. H. Lewis. The motion was later withdrawn.

It was moved by J. D. Kinzer that the Historical Records be published with the Minutes of this session. The motion was amended to place the Historical Records in the hands of the Committee on Publication of Minutes, for publication. Motion prevailed, and on a further motion the Committee was instructed to borrow the money required for the said publication. (Resolution 9).

J. M. Sheridan moved that the assessment for General Home Missions be fixed at \$2,500. The motion was lost. On a further motion by J. L. Straughn, the assessment was fixed at \$2,000. (Resolution 10).

T. O. Crouse made a motion that the Conference give way to a meeting of the Superannuated Fund Society. The motion prevailed, and the Society went into session.

The benediction was pronounced by J. W. Trout.

FOURTH DAY.—Saturday.

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by E. D. Stone. The President called the Conference to order promptly at 9:30 o'clock.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

The delegate from St. Michaels, on motion, was excused from further attendance at the session.

Communications from Deer Creek and Snow Hill were referred to the Church Extension Committee.

The roll of committees was called for reports.

The Faculty of Instruction submitted its report through its Secretary, J. L. Mills. On motion of J. E. Nicholson, the report was taken up by items. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 adopted. To item 9 F. T. Tagg offered an amendment. J. D. Kinzer moved to lay the item on the table. Motion was lost. President of Faculty requested the withdrawal of the item, but the Conference objected. J. M. Holmes offered a substitute for the entire item. The substitute was adopted and the report as a whole was adopted. (Report E).

Rev. George Shaffer, D. D., and Rev. J. A. Johnson, of the Pittsburgh Conference; Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; Mr. H. K. Muller, special messenger of Clark Memorial Independent Methodist Church, and Mr. L. W. Hopkins, special messenger from St. John's Independent Methodist Church, were introduced to the Conference.

R. S. Rowe submitted the report of Committee on President's Report. On motion of B. P. Truitt the report was adopted. (See Report A).

The Steward of the Superannuated Fund announced through the President that he had a surplus on hand and desired instruction as to its disposition. J. D. Kinzer moved that the surplus be distributed among the claimants.

On motion of F. C. Klein, the order was suspended and Dr. McManiman and Rev. T. J. Ogburn addressed the Conference.

T. H. Lewis submitted the report of the President of Western Maryland College, and moved that it be referred to Committee on Education. Motion prevailed. (See Report G).

Rev. J. A. Johnson, representing the fraternal messenger of the Pittsburg Conference, addressed the Conference. Dr. Shaffer also addressed the Conference.

Rev. F. B. Atkins, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, was introduced to, and addressed, the Conference.

Communications from St. John's Independent Methodist Church, and from St. John's Madison Avenue Church were read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

On motion, a communication was referred to the Faculty of Instruction.

A communication from H. C. Hall was read, and his request to be placed on the unstationed list was granted.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was read and laid on the table for twenty-four hours.

The President of the Faculty moved that the time be extended ten minutes. The motion was carried.

The names of P. W. Crosby, D. M. Dibble, G. J. Hooker, F. P. Krauss, Clayborne Phillips, H. C. Staley, and R. L. Shipley were called, who appeared before the President and were formally received into the Conference on trial.

The benediction was pronounced by J. D. Kinzer.

Afternoon.

C. M. Compher reported that he had collected \$100.75 dues of the Church Extension Society. The report was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks of the Conference.

On motion, the delegate from Central was excused from further attendance.

The Bible and Tract Steward, N. O. Gibson, submitted his report, which was adopted. (See Report K).

The report of the Committee on Credentials was read and adopted. (Report F).

The report of the Special Committee on the Communication from the President of the New Jersey Conference was read and adopted. (Report AA).

The resolution fixing time of the next Conference was adopted. (Resolution 11).

At the request of S. B. Southerland, the Faculty was permitted to retire.

J. D. Kinzer moved that the ordination exercises take place Sunday morning at the close of the service. The motion prevailed.

H. L. Schlincke, Chairman of the Committee on Statistics, submitted its report. The report was adopted. (See Tables).

The delegate from Alnutt Memorial, on behalf of the Church, extended an invitation to the Conference to hold its next annual session in that church. In compliance with the rule, it was laid on the table for twenty-four hours.

The minister from Snow Hill was given permission to make an announcement concerning the dedication of Bates Memorial Church to-morrow.

On motion, the Conference gave way to the Mutual Relief Association.

Upon resuming Conference business, the Faculty of Instruction made an additional report, which was adopted. (Report E).

D. L. Greenfield was excused from further attendance on the sessions of Conference. On motion by D. L. Greenfield, the President appointed a committee to prepare a memorial of Mrs. Dr. Zollickoffer, as follows: J. J. Murray, F. H. Lewis, and J. G. Coleman.

J. M. Holmes made a motion to strike off of the Foreign Missions Envelope the item "W. F. M. S."

On motion, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. J. Murray.

FIFTH DAY.—Sunday.

The opening exercises of the Sabbath morning service were conducted by the President, assisted by A. W. Mather and J. D. Kinzer. J. M. Holmes preached the ordination sermon from I Thes. 1: 5, "For our gospel came to you not in word only, but in power and in the Holy Ghost and in much assurance, inasmuch as ye know how we behaved ourselves among you for your sakes." At the close of the sermon, the Secretary of the Conference presented E. P. Perry, F. J. Phillips, W. N. Sherwood, J. L. Nichols, and J. H. Straughn to the President for ordination. The President thereupon, assisted by H. L. Elderdice, A. D. Melvin, W. S. Phillips and W. S. Hammond, ordained the candidates, at the close of which service each was presented with a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

The afternoon was given over to the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the memorial service, conducted by the President.

The Dead-roll was called by H. L. Elderdice, and the names of J. E. T. Ewell and B. F. Benson, who have passed out into the other life during this Conference year, called forth eulogies from those appointed by the President and other friends.

In the evening, the sermon was preached by Rev. G. E. McManiman, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of General Home Missions.

SIXTH DAY.—Monday.

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Dickey.

At the hour for the opening of Conference the Secretary announced the absence of the President, and on motion J. D. Kinzer took the chair.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The minister from Mt. Tabor announced the presence of the alternate from Mt. Tabor, and on motion his name was substituted for the delegate.

The minister from North Carolina Avenue, and the delegates from Brooklyn and Lisbon were excused from further attendance.

The roll of committees was called.

B. P. Truitt, the Chairman of Committee on Church Extension, recommended that the assessment of \$4,000 be laid on the District for the year. The motion was carried.

The report of the Committee on Transportation, G. W. Haddaway, was read and adopted. (Report L).

The report of the Educational Steward, J. M. Dickey, was read and adopted. (See Report G).

A communication from G. D. Edmonston was read, and his request to be continued in a supernumerary relation was granted.

A. W. Mather moved that Committee on Publication of Minutes be authorized to examine the Roll of Unstationed Ministers and remove therefrom all names not belonging in that list. The motion was carried.

L. A. Bennett, Steward of Our Church Home, submitted his report. J. D. Kinzer moved to insert in the personal report of pastors, the question, "What has your charge done for Our Church Home?" W. R. Graham submitted a resolution as an amendment to the report that the question be inserted in official blank, "Have you appointed a lady visitor in each church on your charge for Our Church Home?" J. S. Bowers offered a resolution as an additional item. The item was lost. The resolution of W. R. Graham was amended by J. T. Lassell to substitute the words "had elected" for "appointed". The amendment was adopted. The amendment as amended was adopted on a rising vote. The report as amended was adopted. (See Report D).

B. P. Truitt submitted a resolution with reference to giving Conference endorsement to L. A. Bennett as an evangelist. W. R. Graham moved that the resolution be referred to a special committee. The motion prevailed and the President appointed J. D. Kinzer, S. B. Tredway, and T. P. Fisher. (See Report Z).

A communication from Millville was referred to Committee on Church Extension.

The report of the Superannuate Steward, W. H. Litsinger, was read and adopted. (Report P).

J. L. Ward, Foreign Mission Steward, read his report which was adopted. (See Report M).

J. D. Kinzer, for the Committee on Official Character read the report of that committee. On motion it was taken up by items. Items 1, 2, 3, and 4, read and adopted. On motion, time of adjournment was extended five minutes. Items 5 and 6 were read and adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report N).

Rev. L. E. Poole, pastor of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The delegates from Mardela, Crumpton and Kent Island were excused from further attendance.

The benediction was pronounced by S. B. Southerland.

Afternoon.

The delegates from Alexandria and Chesapeake were excused from attendance after to day.

The report of R. K. Lewis, special committee to secure data for the Secretary was read and adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted an additional report which was adopted.

C. M. Zepp, collector for Superannuate Dues, reported \$106.50 collected. The report was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

The unfinished business of Saturday with reference to the W. F. M. S. item on the Foreign Missions envelope was taken from the table and read. The Secretary offered a substitute to the effect that the Steward accept the statement of the pastor on his envelope as a sufficient receipt. The substitute was adopted. (Resolution 12).

E. S. Fooks, the Church Extension Steward, submitted his report, which was adopted. (See Report J).

R. Woodford, the Conference Steward, read his report and on motion it was adopted. (See Tables).

The President called A. D. Melvin to the chair.

W. R. Graham offered a resolution authorizing the Church Extension Steward to borrow the deficit of the amount appropriated. Resolution was adopted. (Resolution 13).

J. D. Kinzer moved that the Conference Steward be permitted to withdraw his report to amend with reference to the rental value of parsonages. The motion prevailed.

E. C. Makosky read the report of the Committee on Temperance, which was adopted. (Report O).

T. O. Crouse requested the Secretary to read the report of the Committee on Literature. F. T. Tagg read a telegram from J. G. Clark announcing the purchase of a book room, at No. 316 N. Charles Street, Baltimore. On motion of F. C. Klein the report was re-committed.

The report of the Superannuate Committee was taken from the table, read and adopted. (Report P).

The report of the Sunday-school Committee was read by W. R. Graham and adopted. (Report Q).

F. T. Tagg made a motion that the Conference have an extra session this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The motion prevailed.

On a further motion by F. T. Tagg, the President was requested to read the list of appointments Tuesday afternoon, on or before four o'clock. The motion was carried.

F. T. Benson, for the Christian Endeavor Committee, read its report which was adopted. (Report R).

B. W. Kindley offered a resolution that the President of the Conference, J. M. Holmes and J. W. Kirk be a committee to consider the advisability of holding evangelistic services at the next Conference. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 14).

T. H. Lewis, for Avery Donovan, requested the substitution of the name of B. T. Truitt for A. P. Bowen as delegate from Snow Hill. The request was referred on motion to the Committee on Credentials.

R. S. Rowe made a motion that the Conference fix the place of its next annual session. The motion was carried. The invitation from Alnutt Memorial was thereupon taken from the table, and by a unanimous rising vote the invitation was accepted with thanks.

G. M. Clayton, the General Home Missions Steward, read his report, which was adopted. (Report M).

The additional report of the Committee on Literature was read and adopted. The report as a whole adopted. (Report H).

The Conference here gave recess for the securing of subscribers to the *Methodist Protestant*.

A supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials was read, recommending the substitution of B. T. Truitt for A. P. Bowen, delegate from Snow Hill. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Missions, by J. W. Trout, was read and adopted. (Report M). Hereupon a collection for the new Methodist Protestant Church in Tokio, Japan, was taken, amounting to \$256. The report of the committee was adopted.

F. C. Klein moved that the Conference adjourn till 7:30 o'clock.

After announcements were made the Conference adjourned with the benediction by S. B. Tredway.

Evening.

At 7:30 o'clock, the President called the Conference to order and called A. D. Melvin to the chair.

The report of the special committee on the communication from Millville concerning Fenwick Island Camp was read and adopted. It

was moved to reconsider the report and the motion was carried. The report was amended and was adopted as amended. (Report Y).

On motion, which prevailed, the following special committees appointed at the last annual conference were discontinued: Committee to Confer with other Denominations on Sabbath Desecration; Committee to Confer with the Christian Endeavor Executive Committee and the Special Committee on Temperance.

The report of the Committee on Education was submitted. The report was called for consideration by items. Under item 1, the report of T. H. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College, was read. The report of the committee was amended to make the College assessment the same as last year: the item was adopted. Items 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report G).

The report of the Special Committee on the Request of L. A. Bennett was read and on motion was adopted. (Report Z).

J. S. Bowers read the report of the Diamond Jubilee Committee, which was adopted. (Report V).

On motion, the Conference adjourned for the day.

The benediction was pronounced by J. L. Mills.

SEVENTH DAY.—Tuesday.

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by J. H. Straughn

The President called the Conference to order at the accustomed hour.

The minutes of Sunday were read and approved. The minutes of Monday were also read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

The President called J. D. Kinzer to the chair.

The roll of committees was called for reports.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, D. W. Anstine, Chairman, was read and adopted. (Report I)

The Committee on Church Enterprises submitted its report which was adopted. (Report S).

A resolution offered by F. C. Klein respecting assessments was read and adopted. (Resolution 15).

F. H. Lewis, for the Committee on Benevolent Agencies, read the report of said committee which was adopted. (Report K)

The report of the Conference Steward was again presented and the report as a whole was adopted. (See Tables).

The Chairman of the Committee on Statistics was, on motion, permitted at his own request to withdraw his report.

F. T. Benson and others addressed the Conference concerning the National Denominational Christian Endeavor Convention at Washington, D. C., May 7-10.

The Conference permitted J. B. Jones to present the interests of St. Luke's, whereupon a collection amounting to \$100.67 was raised for the mortgage of that church.

The committee on preparation of a memorial of Mrs. Dr. Zollicoffer submitted its report, which was adopted. (Report W).

The Secretary of the Faculty read an additional report of the Faculty. On motion the time was extended ten minutes. F. C. Klein offered an amendment. No action was taken on the amendment and the report was adopted. (Report E).

C. P. Nowlin was excused from further attendance.

The benediction was pronounced by J. J. Murray.

Afternoon.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30, by the President.

A communication from T. P. Revelle was read, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

The report of the Board of Finance, J. M. Sheridan, Chairman, was read and on motion was adopted. (Report T).

B. P. Truitt, Chairman of the Committee on Church Extension, read the report of that committee. On motion the report was adopted as a whole. (Report J).

A communication from the Faculty with reference to the demise of B. F. Benson was read, and was accepted as an addition to its report. (Report E).

The report of the Committee on Statistics as corrected was adopted. (See Tables).

The following committees were then announced: Members of the Executive Committee of the Conference Christian Endeavor Union, F. T. Little, *ex-officio*; T. O. Crouse, F. T. Benson, G. W. Haddaway, G. K. Mather, Edward Reisler, W. H. Harrison. On Fenwick Island Camp meeting, F. T. Little, J. M. Sheridan, D. W. Anstine. On Conference Evangelist, J. D. Kinzer, S. B. Tredway, B. P. Truitt, T. P. Fisher, W. E. Sheppard. To Confer with Similar Committees from the M. E. and M. E. South Churches to Plan for the Celebration of Wesley's Two-hundredth Anniversary, F. T. Tagg, J. M. Holmes, Daniel Baker. Committee on Transportation, 1904, G. W. Haddaway.

F. C. Klein read the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations which was adopted. (Report U).

The President at this juncture, after a few remarks, read his plan of appointments. (See Report A).

On motion of R. S. Rowe, the Conference sang the doxology and adjourned with the benediction by the President.

W. S. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

Approved :

F. T. LITTLE, *President.*



REPORTS.

REPORT A.

The President.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Maryland Annual Conference :

DEAR BRETHREN :—

We gather to-day in the Seventy-fifth Annual Session of our Conference with glad hearts and joyful songs. A review of the entire three quarters of a century of our history, with its toils, trials and triumphs, might well fill our hearts with gratitude because of what God has wrought. This, however, is not the purpose of the president's annual report. It must deal with the results of only one of these many years, and that the last one.

Surely God has blessed our Zion this year also. Souls have been converted, accessions made to our numbers, new houses of worship and parsonages built, old ones repaired, enlarged, adorned; salaries in many instances increased, and, I am confident, it will be found that the assessments have shared in the general prosperity that has come to the District. While we may not have accomplished all we hoped for, it is certain that we have good cause to thank God for the measure of success attained, and to take courage for the future.

Before passing to the brighter and more joyful things of the report we pause in the shadow, and, with subdued voices and saddened hearts, repeat the names of those whose departure from among us makes necessary the word

DEATHS.

Mrs. Ida Burns Yingling, wife of Rev. J. M. Yingling, died May 30th, 1902. Thus passed away,

“Lamented, in the strength of life,
A valued mother and a faithful wife.”

Rev. John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D., died November 7th, 1902, after long weeks of suffering.

"Peace, which he loved in life, did lend
Her hand to bring him to his end."

Rev. Benjamin Franklin Benson, A. M., D. D., died November 30th, 1902. The summons came to Dr. Benson suddenly, but, we are persuaded, not unexpectedly.

"He vanished, we can scarcely say he died,
For but a *now* did heaven and earth divide."

These,

"Are already resting where the evil comes not,
The tear, the toil, the woe, the sin forgot."

Obituary Committees were promptly appointed under the rule.

CHANGES.

Immediately after adjournment of Conference, by consent of all parties concerned, Rev. A. A. Harryman was released from Cecil Circuit and appointed to Oak Grove and Prince George. This seemed to be the only practicable way of supplying these latter charges for the year, and the results show the approval of Providence on the change.

Rev. A. H. Hess, a ministerial member of the West Virginia Annual Conference, and a student at the seminary, has acceptably supplied Cecil during the year.

July 28th, 1902, Rev. C. L. Daugherty, at his own request and with the consent of Christ Church, Baltimore, was released from the pastorate of that charge, and on the same date was given a transfer to the Ohio Annual Conference.

August 1st, 1902, Rev. P. W. Crosby, being duly recommended by the quarterly Conference of Nichols Memorial Circuit, and having a proper release and endorsement from the President of the North Illinois Annual Conference, was appointed pastor of Christ Church, and has faithfully served the charge to date.

October 8th, 1902, I received a letter from H. E. Bennington, who had been appointed to Mariners Station at the last Conference, announcing his withdrawal from the ministry, and asking that the said letter be accepted as the surrender of his credentials, which he stated had been mislaid. On the morning I received the letter, without waiting for a reply, he abandoned his work and moved away, and though I thrice wrote him, and have published these facts officially over my signature in the church paper, I have not heard from him and do not know where he is. I recommend that his name be stricken from the roll.

Rev. W. N. Sherwood has been serving Mariners by official appointment, in connection with his work at Lawsonia, since December 23rd, 1902.

November 10th, 1902, Rev. C. C. Baker, pastor of Millville charge, requested to be released from that circuit in order to take work under the President of the Iowa Annual Conference. The consent of the charge was secured and a

proper paper given him. He is now at work within the bounds of that Conference.

November 12th, 1902, Rev. A. W. Betts, an unstationed preacher of the Vine's Neck appointment on Millville circuit, was placed in charge of the work and has served it to the present time.

November 18th, 1902, Rev. D. M. Dibble, being duly recommended by the quarterly conference of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Rockville Center, N. Y., and a graduate of the seminary, was appointed pastor of Waverly and Evergreen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. J. E. T. Ewell.

UNSUPPLIED CHARGES.

Eleven palces were left unsupplied at the adjournment of the last Conference. During the year they have been supplied as follows: Campbell, during the school vacation, by Brother E. E. Parsons of the seminary—since the opening of the school term in September the circuit has been without a regular pastor, preferring to remain so until the meeting of Conference; Fairview by Brother W. M. Jett, an unstaioned preacher of West Baltimore Station; Georgetown Circuit by Brother E. L. Bunce, a licensed preacher of East Baltimore Station. Brother Bunce's work has been satisfactory and he is presen as a candidate for admission into the itinérance; Jones Memorial by Brother W. M. Simms, of Broadway, who has succeeded in having the building removed to a more desirable location and inspiring the hope that better days are coming to the enterprise; Indian River by Brother D. L. Johnson, of Georgetown, Del., Station. Brother J. F. Bryan has also rendered helpful service there by preaching occasionally and administering the ordinances at regular intervals; Lewistown by Brother G. J. Hooker of the seminary; Nichols Memorial by Brother Clayborne Phillips, also of the seminary; Patapsco by Rev. C. H. Littleton; Williamsport by Brother F. P. Krauss; Violetsville by Brother Richard L. Shipley, both of the seminary. I have not been able to supply Middleway even for a part of the year.

PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

The action of the Conference last year in adopting the report of the Committee on President's Parsonage, provided "that the President rent a desirable dwelling." Accordingly, as soon as practicable after adjournment I began house-hunting. Before I had definitely decided upon a house, two members of the Board of Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society, in sympathy with the expressed opinion of the Conference of last year that, "The President of the Conference ought to have a better home than the one that has been used for many years", suggested that if I could provide for my family by boarding until the Conference Committee could select a suitable house, the Board would invest the money by purchasing the property in fee, upon the condition that the President pay the interest on the investment at the rate of five per cent. per annum. A further condition, suggested by the President, was added, viz.,

to request the Conference to continue the assessment of three thousand dollars on the District as at present, for the purpose of using five hundred dollars (the amount appropriated this year for furniture) as an annual payment on the purchase money of the parsonage. These suggestions were acted upon, and on October 28th, 1902, I took possession of the new Maryland Conference Parsonage, No. 1420 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

The house is eligibly located, substantially built, conveniently arranged; is in first class condition; in every way suitable, and is a credit to the Conference and Church. I desire here to put on record my high appreciation of the Committee's care in providing such a desirable home for our Conference Presidents. I would not in any way anticipate the report of the Committee, which will be submitted in due time, but in this connection beg simply to recommend that the assessment of \$3,000 be continued on the District, and divided as follows: \$2,500 for President's salary, travelling expenses and interest on parsonage debt, and \$500 to be paid on the principal.

The furnishing of the house was completed at a cost of seven hundred and six dollars, all of which has been provided for as follows: five hundred dollars allowed by the Conference, and two hundred and six dollars by cash donations from various friends in the District. I hereby record my heart-felt thanks to every one of these kind donors for their prompt, cheerful and fraternal response to my appeals in this direction.

I respectfully submit herewith a full statement of receipts and expenditures on account of parsonage furniture, and recommend its reference to the Board of Finance for audit.

MARYLAND CONFERENCE GUILD.

The duty and expense of keeping the parsonage furniture in repair, and of supplementing articles from time to time as they may be needed, seemed difficult to place under these new conditions. To require the President to do it in addition to meeting the annual interest expense would add too much to his financial burden. To expect the Agent of the President's parsonage to do it would be to expect him to make bricks without straw. Consequently, a few intelligent, devoted ladies, with true housewifely forethought and church interest, organized the little society which bears the name at the head of this division of my report. It has the same relation to the President's parsonage that the local aid society has to the pastor's parsonage. It has about forty members, each paying an annual due of one dollar, and is slowly accumulating a fund to meet emergencies when they arise. I recommend that the Conference endorse this simple, important auxiliary of our work.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Our beloved and generous-hearted sister, Mrs. T. A. Reese, has again renewed her splendid donations to our pastors and the various interests of our Conference and Church. She truly deserves, and I believe has the gratitude and prayers of all the ministers and members in the Maryland District.

The Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and the St. John's Board of Beneficence, have also repeated and, to an extent, enlarged their assistance to our pastors and churches during the year.

The Maryland Bible and Maryland Tract Societies which have been used by the Conference for many years, as a means of extending its help to at least a few of that great submerged mass of our fellow beings, are still recognized forces of evangelization in that part of our territory included in the State of Maryland. Having been identified with the Board of Directors of these societies for more than a decade, I am prepared to report that I have reason to believe they are doing better work at present than for a number of years.

I regard this as specially true of the Tract Society. Our appreciation of all these helpful agencies should continue to find formal expression at our annual gatherings.

BEQUESTS.

Three persons remembered our work in the form of bequests and one by direct gift during the year. Our loyal, loving Brother F. M. Warner, of West Baltimore Station, whose early demise is so deeply lamented by all who knew him, left five hundred dollars each to the Superannuated Fund Society and our Church Home. Mrs. Henrietta Goodhand left five hundred dollars to our Church at Stevensville on Kent Island, and the late Mr. Joshua Gousha left seven thousand dollars to our St. Luke's Church in Philadelphia, Pa., while an estimable layman, whose modesty will not permit his name to be disclosed, made a cash gift of two thousand dollars to Westminster Theological Seminary for a permanent scholarship. These gifts foot up the sum of \$10,500, and who can estimate the great good they shall continue to do through all the future?

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

According to reports made to me, there are one hundred and forty Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in the District, with a membership of over five thousand. Some of these, of course, are junior societies. But deducting these we still have here that which represents a host of young people organized under a model constitution, and bound by a definite pledge which requires loyalty to Christ and to one's own denomination and local church. It is without question the best young people's organization the church has ever had, and yet it is impossible to escape the conviction that a faithful adherence to its principles and pledge on the part of all its members would certainly give us larger and better results for Christ and the church than those which we tabulate from year to year.

The Conference Union of Christian Endeavor, held in Clark Memorial Church, Baltimore, last February, what was undoubtedly the most spiritual and profitable convention of its history. Those who were privileged to attend were impressed with the simplicity and devotion which marked all the exercises.

The Union will officially ask the Conference to name a certain number of its members to serve on the Executive Committee instead of appointing an advisory committee as last year. The request is wise and should be granted.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Western Maryland College continues its splendid work to our church and state in the intellectual and moral training of young people for usefulness in the various callings and avocations of life. It has been kept before our congregations and Sunday schools this year in a way that must gain for it fuller recognition as a most valuable adjunct in the great work God has given us to do as a Conference and as a denomination. Its influence in the District is extensive and beneficial.

Westminster Theological Seminary has had its full complement of students during the school term, all its rooms being occupied. It will send four of its five graduates to this session for admission into the itinerancy.

The increasing facilities for education which the church offers young men contemplating the ministry, makes it all the more imperative that those who are charged with the duty of passing upon the fitness of applicants shall make it hard—very hard—for anyone seeking the ministry simply as a means of livelihood to get enrolled among the students of our Seminary.

The President of the Seminary has proven a valuable aid to me in furnishing supplies from among the students, from time to time, to meet emergencies. Full details of the work of each institution will be furnished in their respective reports.

Our Church Home building has been enlarged, improved and beautified, and is now better than ever prepared to fulfil its mission in providing for our homeless aged ones. Special attention should be given to the report of its management, and all our pastors should familiarize themselves with its terms and conditions of admission as well as with its general needs and working. The Maryland and the Washington and Alexandria Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are still pushing their work as helpers in the missionary enterprises of the church with commendable zeal and encouraging results.

The state of the church as to material improvements may be seen by the following summary: A new church has been built and dedicated at Whaleyville, on Pittsville charge; and an organization effected and a church built at Cannons on the Delaware Railroad; this building will soon be ready for dedication, and the people desire to be connected with one of the adjacent circuits; a new organization with an excellent church building at Hollywood, near Petersburg, Va., on Amelia charge; two new churches at Liberty and Afton appointments, respectively, on Heathsville circuit, which will soon be ready for dedication; a splendid new church of brick and stone on the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and 1st Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., for our Central people. The growth of the congregation, membership and Sunday school at this place is simply phenomenal; a new church built and dedicated at Lynch's station on St. James charge, while old St. James itself has been so thoroughly remodeled and refurnished as to be practically a new, as it is, really a beautiful edifice; the church at Salisbury has been reconstructed into a new, modern, handsome building; our people at Federalsburg have secured by purchase the excellent, commodious, eligibly located building erected there, and for a time, occupied by the Presbyterians; a new

church has been completed and dedicated near Damacus in Montgomery County, Md. At Greenwood, Del., the old church building has been sold, and a very desirable lot purchased on the main street of the town large enough for both church and parsonage. The foundation of a modern, ornamental church building has been laid, which will be pushed to completion without delay, and ground is broken for a new church at Walkers Chapel on Potomac circuit.

Bates Memorial church at Snow Hill has been finished and will be opened for Divine services next Sunday. This enterprise will need, and really must have, the largest measure of financial help it is possible for the Conference to give it.

Improvements more or less extensive have been made on both the churches on Pocomoke City charge, at Friendship on Pocomoke circuit, at Crumpton, and at some other points which need not be mentioned here.

New parsonages have been completed on Susquehanna, Powellville and Federalsburg, while a very handsome one, desirably located on Mt. Royal Avenue, has been presented as a gift to the North Baltimore congregation. At several other points plans are maturing or operations begun for new homes for pastors, and still others have been greatly improved and adorned after the manner of those on Kent Island and Potomac charges.

Broadway has paid sixteen hundred dollars on her debt this year, and North Carolina Avenue one thousand: thus vindicating the good business policy of the Conference in helping these important churches to rid themselves by degrees of the heavy burden of debt they have been carrying. Cumberland, by the aid of our General Home Missions Board, has paid one thousand dollars of her debt, while South Baltimore, in fulfillment of the promise made by its pastor at the last Conference, has practically liquidated its long-standing and annoying mortgaged debt.

Another phase of the state of the church is seen by pastors' reports to me. While these reports are not complete in every particular, and while some have not returned the card sent them, yet the words here written are the result of most careful additions made from these cards. They show the number of conversions in the District during the year to have been two thousand five hundred and three; and of accessions two thousand, six hundred and eighty-seven; and that sixty-three thousand, nine hundred seventy-eight dollars and seventy-five cents have been expended in church and parsonage buildings and improvements, and in payment of debts on church property.

Another item which is especially gratifying to the President, as I am sure it must be to all the brethren, is that twenty-one charges increased pastor's salaries this year in amounts aggregating one thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars; and that twenty charges have increased pastors' salaries for the ensuing year in amounts aggregating one thousand five hundred and fifty dollars. Four charges made increase for this and the ensuing year both, thus leaving thirty-seven separate charges which have increased salaries in amounts which foot up an aggregate increase of three thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars. With

these facts before me, am I not justified in adding the words, the spiritual state of the church in the District is good?

The brethren, speaking of them as a whole, have been true to the Gospel message in preaching, and true, in large measure, to the pastor's New Testament ideal of personal contact with men in the blessed work of soul-winning. More and more, it seems, does the necessity of going among the people as an ambassador of Christ, with a message of tender sympathy and pleading love, speaking face to face with men out of a heart hungry for the salvation of souls, impress itself upon those who would do their Master's work most successfully. Hence it is not strange that the constant appeal of the churches is for preachers and pastors. Not preachers only, or even mainly, but pastors—efficient pastors as well. More and more too does it become apparent to the observant among us, that adequate pastoral support may justly require efficient pastoral service; and on the other hand, that efficient pulpit and pastoral service has the same right to require adequate pastoral support.

No report of the state of the church can, I think, be complete which leaves out the church paper. While it is a privilege to state that the report of the Book Directory will show some gains in subscribers for the Methodist Protestant during the fiscal year, I regret to say this gain has not been made in Maryland. But if all the gain that has been made could be credited to the Maryland District it would still have to be said that the circulation of our official church paper is not commensurate with the needs of the District, in this particular, or with our growth in other departments.

If the church paper is not a help to the pastor and member in their personal Christian life, and in their work for Jesus the Saviour, then it has no right to be. If it is such a help then it should be the constant aim and effort of the pastor and member to extend its circulation in order to receive largest benefit from its helpful ministry. This means helping ourselves by helping the paper.

Our preachers and people need to recognize more fully that the church paper is not the personal organ of the Editor, the Agent, or the Book Directory, or of all of them together, but the official organ of the denomination, and that loyalty to the denomination implies loyalty to the church paper, as one of its agencies for the promotion of peace, progress and prosperity in our Household of Faith, and for the conquest of the world for Jesus Christ our Lord.

I believe we must have a revival of loyalty to the church paper, and of diligence in its circulation if we would continue to maintain our place as a worthy and efficient member of the great family of Christian denominations.

In the prosecution of my labors I have visited during the year all but five of the charges in the Conference. Some of them I have visited several times. Those not visited are quite well understood in their condition and needs.

And now with gratitude to Almighty God for His gracious favor to me and mine through the year, and with high appreciation of my brethren and their kindness to me, I subscribe myself,

Very truly yours,

F. T. LITTLE, *President.*

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

	<i>Years</i>		<i>Years</i>		
Accomac.....	R. K. Lewis	3	Harper's Ferry.....	G. F. Farring	4
Alexandria.....	J. H. S. Ewell	3	Harrington.....	N. O. Gibson	2
Alnutt Memorial.....	J. W. Kirk	3	Heathsville.....	J. F. Wooden	1
Amelia.....	Frank Clift, (supply)	1	Hollywood...J. S. Wildridge (supply)		1
Baltimore.....	J. L. Straughn	3	Howard.....	H. L. Schlincke	1
Bedford.....	G. R. Donaldson	2	Hurlock.....	C. E. Dryden	1
Belair.....	Dorsey Blake	1	Indian River.....	J. E. Maloy	1
Bethany.....	J. W. Parris	1	Jefferson.....	E. C. Makosky	1
Broadway.....	E. D. Stone	3	Jones Memorial....	W. S. Simms (sup.)	2
Brooklyn.....	J. L. Mills	6	Keen Memorial.....	A. A. Bichell	2
Cambridge.....	S. B. Tredway	4	Kemptown.....	J. A. Wright	2
Campbell.....	To be supplied		Kennedyville.....	R. S. Rowe	2
Caroline.....	T. H. Wright	3	Kent Island.....	F. H. Mullineaux	3
Cecil.....	S. W. Coe	1	Laurel.....	E. A. Warfield	3
Centreville.....	B. W. Kindley	2	Lawsonia....	W. J. F. Litsinger (sup.)	1
Chesapeake.....	J. L. Elderdice	3	Leeds.....	J. T. Lassell	1
Chestertown.....	D. L. Greenfield	3	Lewistown.....	To be supplied	
Chincoteague.....	H. E. Nelson	1	Liberty.....	C. K. McCaslin	3
Christ Church.....	H. C. Staley	1	Lisbon.....	S. A. Hoblitzell	3
Clayton.....	G. R. McCready	1	Lynchburg.....	G. Q. Bacchus	4
Clinton Hill.....	C. M. Compher	3	Mardela.....	E. P. Perry	3
Concord.....	A. H. Green	3	Mariners.....	H. O. Keen	1
Conquest.....	A. A. Harryman	1	Marley.....	To be supplied	
Crisfield.....	W. S. Phillips	2	Middleway.....	To be supplied	
Crumpton.....	E. O. Ewing	1	Millville.....	F. P. Krauss	1
Cumberland.....	W. A. Melvin	3	Milton.....	H. S. Johnson	3
G. D. Edmonston, supernumerary		3	Montgomery.....	Clayborne Phillips	1
Deer Creek.....	G. R. Hodge	2	Mount Nebo.....	C. M. Zepp	2
Deer Park.....	Elmer Simpson	1	Mount Tabor.....	J. H. Straughn	3
Delmar.....	L. A. Bennett	3	Newark.....	F. C. Klein	3
Delta.....	H. H. Price	1	New Market.....	C. M. Cullum	1
Denton.....	B. P. Truitt	3	Nichols Memorial.....	To be supplied	
Dorchester.....	Louis Randall	2	North Baltimore.....	F. H. Lewis	5
Dover and Leipsic.....	J. F. Bryan	1	E. J. Drinkhouse, supernumerary		7
East Baltimore.....	J. M. Holmes	3	North Carolina Avenue...	A. N. Ward	5
Easton.....	W. R. Graham	2	David Wilson, supernumerary.....		7
Elizabeth.....	J. W. Trout	11	Oak Grove & Prince Geo...	F. S. Cain	1
Eutaw.....	J. W. Norris	3	Oxford.....	W. M. Strayer	1
Evergreen.....	To be supplied		Parksley.....	W. B. Judefind	4
Fairfax.....	P. W. Crosby	1	Payson Street.....	G. J. Hooker	1
Fairview.....	W. M. Jett, (supply)	2	Patapsco.....	To be supplied	
Fawn Grove.....	J. McL. Brown	1	Pipe Creek.....	C. E. McCullough	2
Federalsburg.....	H. F. Wright	2	Pittsville.....	G. A. Morris	3
Felton.....	H. S. Leas	1	Pocomoke Circuit.....	F. J. Phillips	1
Finksburg.....	J. E. Nicholson	3	Pocomoke City.....	G. M. Clayton	1
First Church.....	A. S. Beane	2	Potomac.....	J. W. Gray	2
Fox Hill.....	To be supplied		Powellville.....	G. H. Stocksdales	2
Franklin City.....	A. W. Mather	2	Quantico.....	C. J. Burdette (supply)	1
Frederick.....	G. J. Hill	3	Queen Anne.....	G. W. Hines	4
Georgetown (D. C.).....	J. D. Kinzer	5	Reliance.....	Thomas Wheeler	2
Georgetown (Del.) ...	W. H. Litsinger	1	Rhode Island Avenue.....	J. M. Gill	3
Georgetown Cir. ...	E. L. Bunce (sup.)	1	Rowlandville.....	To be supplied	
Greenwood.....	S. F. Cassen	1	Salem.....	F. A. Holland	1
Grove.....	E. H. Jones	2	Salisbury.....	S. J. Smith	4
Hampden.....	W. J. Neepier	7	Seaford.....	J. W. Balderston	5
Harbeson.....	F. L. Stevens	1	Snow Hill.....	Avery Donovan	4

		Years.
South Baltimore.....	E. S. Fooks	3
Starr.....	G. W. Haddaway	2
Stewartstown.....	T. R. Woodford	1
St. James.....	J. M. Sheridan	1
St. John's.....	W. N. Sherwood	1
St. Luke's.....	J. B. Jones	7
St. Michaels.....	J. M. Dickey	3
Susquehanna.....	C. P. Nowlin	4
Sussex.....	J. M. Yingling	1
Talbot.....	C. R. Strausburg	1
Trinity.....	D. W. Anstine	8
Union.....	H. W. D. Johnson	2
Union Bridge.....	E. T. Read	2
Violetsville.....	R. L. Shipley	1
Waltersville.....	J. L. Ward	1
Warwick.....	W. D. Litsinger	1
Waverly.....	D. M. Dibble	1
West Baltimore.....	T. O. Crouse	5
Westminster.....	L. F. Warner	2
West Wilmington.....	J. L. Nichols	4
Williamsport.....	To be supplied	
Wilmington.....	G. L. Wolfe	8
Wye.....	B. F. Ruley	2
Endowment Sec'y, Western Mary- land College.....	A. D. Melvin	2
Editor of the <i>Methodist Protes- tant</i>	F. T. Tagg	12
Board of Foreign Missions, E. H. Van Dyke		14
Board of Home Missions, T. P. Revelle		4
Clark Memorial Church, Baltimore, J. S. Bowers		13
St. John s Church, Baltimore, F. T. Benson		2
SUPERANNUATES.		
S. B. Southerland.....		19
J. A. Weigand.....		15
W. J. D. Lucas.....		12
W. A. Crouse.....		11
H. C. Cushing.....		9
J. J. Murray.....		5
C. H. Littleton.....		5
A. D. Dick.....		5
J. G. Sullivan.....		4

LOANED.

President of Western Maryland Col-			W. S. Hammond.....	3
lege.....	T. H. Lewis	18	W. M. Poisal.....	3
President of Westminster Theolog-			C. S. Arnett.....	1
ical Seminary.....	H. L. Elderdice	7	G. E. Brown.....	1

LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENTS AT
THEIR OWN REQUEST.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

First of all, we would make thankful mention of the marked success which has, by the blessing of God, attended the efforts of pastors and people during the past year, evinced in the salvation of so many precious souls, and increased interest along every line of our church work.

2, we endorse the recommendation of the President that the name of H. E. Bennington be stricken from the roll.

3, we express our gratification that a comfortable and commodious residence has been purchased for a new Parsonage of the Maryland Conference, and we approve the President's recommendation, to wit: that the assessment of \$3,000 be continued on the district, and divided as follows: \$2,500 for President's salary, traveling expenses and interest on parsonage debt, and \$500 to be paid on the principal.

4. The organization of the Maryland Conference Guild, whose purpose is to provide funds to meet the "expense of keeping the parsonage furniture in repair and of supplementing articles from time to time as they may be needed" has our hearty approval, and we recommend that, if practicable, auxiliary Guilds be organized on every charge in the district, and the funds secured by the same be forwarded to the treasurer of the Conference Guild, and after the expense of keeping the parsonage furniture in repair has been met, the balance, if any, shall be applied to a reduction of the parsonage debt.

5. We note with pleasure that Mrs. T. A. Reese, The Pipe Creek and Jefferson Societies, and the St. John's Board of Beneficence have renewed their generous

contributions toward the assistance of our needy pastors and churches, and we hereby express our grateful appreciation of their action.

6. We are especially pleased to learn of the increasing interest upon the part of some of our people in the benevolent work of our church, which is finding expression in bequests and contributions—those of the past year being a legacy of \$500 to the Superannuated Fund Society, and a like amount to the Home of the Aged, by Bro. F. M. Warner; another from Sister Henrietta Goodland of \$500, to the M. P. Church at Stevensville, on Kent Island; another from Brother Joshua Gousha of \$7,000 to our St. Luke's church, in Philadelphia; also "from an estimable brother" a cash gift of \$2,000 to Westminster Theological Seminary for a permanent scholarship, and we hereby recommend their action to others.

7. We are gratified to learn of the continued prosperity of the Western Maryland College, and of the Westminster Theological Seminary, and we would suggest to all our pastors that renewed efforts be made to secure students for the college, and that a judicious care be exercised upon the part of our Quarterly Conferences in recommending young men for the aid of the Board of Ministerial Education.

8. We are pleased to know by the figures given in the President's report that there is a marked improvement in some of the parts of our district in the matter of ministerial support, twenty-one charges having increased their pastors' salaries during the past year, and twenty others for the present year, in amounts which aggregate \$3,225. We would recommend that standing rule number 13, page 97 of the Manual, be more than ever put into practical operation, to wit: "the President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner, and at such times as in his judgment may be expedient. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$600 for the minister with a family, appointed as pastor, who has itinerated five years within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of said salaries." We further recommend that pastors arrange the time of one of their quarterly conferences, especially the fourth, so that the President may be with them, and thus have the opportunity of carrying out the provisions of this rule.

9. We urge upon our pastors and people thoughtful consideration of that part of the President's report which refers to our church paper, the Methodist Protestant. Brethren of the ministry, let us try to increase its circulation; brethren of the laity, do make it possible for us to do so by subscribing for it when we solicit you to do it.

10. We recommend that in the event of the Conference Union of Christian Endeavor officially asking this Conference to name a certain number of its members to serve on the Executive Committee that their request be granted; at the same time we would call the attention of the Christian Endeavor Societies to that part of the President's report which reads thus: "It is impossible to escape the conviction that a faithful adherence to its principles and pledge on the part of all its members would certainly give larger and better results for Christ and the Church than those we tabulate from year to year."

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. ROWE, *Chairman.*

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

Your Committee on the President's Parsonage submit the following report:

We have been unable to find a purchaser for the old parsonage on Parkin St. It has been offered "For sale", but no one has made an offer for it. It is still on the market seeking a purchaser. We have had it under rental during the year to Rev. A. D. Melvin, D. D., at a monthly rental of \$12.50. This rent has been promptly paid to Bro. J. N. Gilbert, the Agent of the President's parsonage.

His report will show, that after paying all claims against the house, there remains a balance on hand of \$34.30.

On September 30th, 1902, we purchased, in fee, the splendid property No. 1420 Linden Ave., for the President's parsonage. The net cost of this house, including the amount necessary for needful repairs, so as to put it in first-class condition, was \$5,909.15. This money was loaned by the Board of Managers of the Superannuated Fund Society, at five per cent. interest, beginning with September 30th, 1902. On October 28th, 1902, this property was placed in the possession of President Rev. F. T. Little, D. D., at a monthly rental of \$25.00, beginning with November 1st., 1902. Said rental to continue until the session of the Maryland Annual Conference, April 1st, 1903.

Inasmuch as nearly one month elapsed between the purchase of the new parsonage, 1420 Linden Ave. (Sept. 30th, 1902), and its possession by the President, and, as the rent began with Nov. 1st, 1902, would leave a deficit of \$22.73 in the interest due the Superannuated Fund Society, and as there is a balance of \$34.30 in the hands of the Agent of the President's parsonage from the rental of the old parsonage, we recommend that this deficit of \$22.73 be paid out of said balance.

Inasmuch as the Superannuated Fund Society owns the ground rent of \$56.-25, on the Parkin St. parsonage, and also holds a claim of \$558.50, loaned for improvements on said house, at six per cent. and also holds the leasehold title to said property, we recommend that this property be offered to said society.

We recommend that the President of the Conference, pay five per cent. interest on the money invested to the Superannuated Fund Society, and pay the necessary annual expenses on the new parsonage, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, Md.

We recommend that the present assessment of \$3,000 be continued. That \$2,500 of this shall be the President's traveling expenses, interest, etc., and that \$500 of this \$3,000 shall be paid annually to the Superannuated Fund Society in repayment of the loan of \$5,909.15 until the entire amount of the loan shall be paid.

W. J. NEEPIER	} President's Parsonage Committee.
J. L. STRAUGHN	
G. W. HADDAWAY	
JARRETT N. GILBERT	
N. T. MEGINNISS	

March 23, 1903.

OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE COMMITTEE.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the President's Parsonage respectfully recommends,

1. That the Conference endorse the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

2. That the assessment of \$3,000 be continued under the name of "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows: Seventy-five per cent of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. Twenty-five per cent of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property; third, the reduction of the principal of the loan. This plan seems better than to charge the interest against the President's salary as rent, because on the latter plan the President occupying the house the first five years would pay \$1,248.95 while the next occupant would pay in the same length of time only \$440.95, owing to the constant reduction of the principal of the debt.

This plan will extinguish the debt in eleven years, while it will take twelve years on the other plan. And when the loan is paid off the Conference assessment will simply be reduced to include the President's salary and traveling expenses as before.

3. That the Conference do not adopt the recommendation to give up the former President's parsonage on Parkin Street to the Superannuated Fund Society, in liquidation of its claim of \$558.50; at least until further effort to make a more profitable disposition of it. The income from the property at present more than pays all expenses on ground rent and debt.

4. That the balance of \$34.30 in the hands of the Agent of the President's parsonage, belongs to the Parkin Street property and should be applied, either to the reduction of the debt or the payment of interest on that property. In this connection we suggest that the agent request the Superannuated Fund Society to place this loan at the same rate as the one on the Linden Avenue property. In seven years this arrangement would pay off the debt.

5. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Committee and the Agent of the President's parsonage for the very satisfactory conclusion of their efforts to secure the new parsonage, and that Mr. J. N. Gilbert be requested to continue to act as agent.

T. H. LEWIS
J. W. BALDERSTON
JOHN P. NICHOLSON.

ON PARSONAGE FURNITURE.

F. T. Little in account with Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church for furnishing President's Parsonage.

Receipts.

1902.

To amount of assessment, session of 1902.....\$500 00

Personal Donations :

Mr. Daniel Baker.....	\$45 00
Mr. J. G. Clarke.....	25 00
Mr. W. G. Baker, Sr.....	25 00
Mr. J. D. Baker.....	25 00
F. T. Little.....	36 03
Dr. Drinkhouse.....	10 00
Mr. T. P. Fisher.....	5 00
Mr. P. B. Myers.....	5 00
Dr. J. W. Hering.....	5 00
Mr. J. N. Warfield.....	5 00
Mr. E. O. Grimes, Sr.....	5 00
Mr. E. O. Grimes, Jr.....	5 00
Anonymous.....	5 00
Anonymous, No. 2.....	5 00

\$206 03

\$706 03

Expenditures.

1902.

October 22nd, C. C. Waskey, furniture.....	\$ 41 00
October 23rd, H. K. Muller & Bro., shades.....	25 00
October 25th, O. Herring Sons Co., fur and mat.....	110 30
October 30th, J. C. Knipp & Bro., furniture.....	237 00
November 5th, O. Herring Sons Co., carpet.....	100 00
November 5th, C. C. Waskey, K. table.....	1 25
November 19th, H. K. Muller & Bro., P. H. and rod.....	12 50
November 19th, G. W. Quarles & Co., C. sets.....	14 25
November 24th, J. C. Knipp & Bro., P. furniture.....	129 00
November 26th, H. K. Muller & Bro., O. S. D. Sha.....	1 73
December 2nd, G. S. Griffith & Co., mats, etc.....	13 50
December 3rd, C. C. Waskey, K. chairs.....	1 50
December 18th, O. Herring Sons Co., Lino'm.....	15 00
November 26th, G. S. Griffith & Co., rugs.....	4 00

\$706 03

Recapitulation.

Cash from assessment (1/6 of \$2,976 00).....	\$496 00
Cash from donations (as per statement).....	206 00

\$702 00

Expended for furniture.....\$706 00

Balance, donated.....\$4 00

Respectfully submitted with vouchers for audit,

F. T. LITTLE, *President.*

REPORT B. Of the Secretary.

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

I have, as best I could, performed the duties of Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Publication of Minutes. It was not practicable for the other members of the Committee on Publication to render any assistance after the adjournment of our last session, which meant much to me, particularly as it was my first attempt.

The Minutes were all printed and forwarded just three weeks from the adjournment of Conference, but their appearance was most unsatisfactory, largely because of the cheap paper used. That defect will be remedied, and other improvements made this year.

Upon the advice of the chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee and in accordance with the last item of Resolution 11, I wrote to each of the Presidents of the Annual Conferences of our denomination, calling attention to our action, enclosing a copy of the resolution and inviting their co-operation.

I would like the Conference to take some action concerning its Records. In the "Roll of Ministers" there is lacking data concerning 87 of those now living. In the "Register of the Wives of the Ministers" there are also many omissions. It occurs to me that if these Records are worth keeping at all they ought to be full and accurate. Communications from the Secretary receive no attention, therefore I recommend that a committee be appointed to procure at this session these data for the Secretary.

My financial statement, which I recommend referred to the Board of Finance for audit, is as follows:

Receipts.

From Conference Steward.....	\$149 84
From F. T. Tagg (loan).....	125 00
From sale of Minutes.....	2 50
From various charges, advanced on assessments	208 00
Total	\$485 34

Expenses.

Publishing and distributing 1700 copies of Minutes.....	\$161 15
Dorsey Blake, Ex-Secretary, salary for 1901-'02.....	50 00
Dulany's bill, balance on last year's account.....	11 54
Bibles and Credentials... ..	8 34
F. T. Tagg, loan returned with interest.....	128 13
Printing, sundries.....	11 85
Freight and expressage.....	2 17
Rubber stamps.....	1 06
Report files and supplies.....	2 10
Postage and stationery.....	10 29
W. M. Strayer, for Minutes	1 35
Total	\$387 68
To balance in Bank of Crisfield.....	97 66

\$485 34

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LEGALITY OF RESOLUTION OFFERED
BY THE SECRETARY.

(See Resolution 4).

The Committee reports favorably upon this resolution.

F. T. TAGG,
T. P. FISHER,
M. A. DAVIS.

REPORT C.

Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference.

We report that the Trustees are F. T. Little, S. J. Smith, Franklin Mewshaw and C. A. Benjamin whose terms expire in 1904. J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts and T. A. Murray whose terms expire in 1905. J. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather, Daniel [Baker] and John G. Clarke whose terms expire at this Conference.

J. L. MILLS, *President of the Board.*

REPORT D.

Our Church Home.

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The report of the Board of Managers of The Home for the Aged of the Methodist Protestant Church is herewith submitted, showing the financial condition of the institution at the close of the conference year. The report of the Board of Lady Managers is also submitted, showing the receipts and expenditures of the Home for the same period.

Since the meeting of the last Conference the Home has been greatly enlarged and improved. It is now a handsome and commodious building, with ample grounds for future enlargement, the lot upon which the present building stands, having a frontage of 110 feet, and a depth of 198 feet. The improvement which the Board felt it necessary to make, mainly grew out of the fact, that with the old building, it was impossible for us to make suitable accommodation for the reception of male inmates, and thus carry out the original purpose of the Home. We are now prepared to take both sexes, with such arrangement of rooms as will be agreeable to both. One death has occurred during the year, and there are now three persons in the Home.

We feel that the benefits of this particular work of our church should be greatly extended, and to this end, it seems necessary, in the opinion of the Board, that persons throughout the Maryland District should become better

acquainted with the real character of the work, and the excellent accommodation which our Home offers to aged and worthy Methodist Protestants. In this way we may be able to help them, and at the same time afford opportunity for the exercise of the benevolent impulses of those whom, we believe, will gladly sustain such a charity. We are convinced that our church, as a whole, knows little about the Home, and that there are many good and true persons among us, who are scantily cared for, who ought to be under its shelter.

We have had 250 large pictures of the Home prepared, and ready for framing, with the hope that one of these may be placed in every church or Sunday school room in the District. These pictures can be sold for fifty cents, and we earnestly ask our pastors to interest themselves for their sale, and thus introduce our Home to our people, old and young.

We have also had printed a neat pamphlet, giving all the conditions for entrance to the Home, together with other information. These can be had for the asking.

We believe the time will come when our Home will be supported by endowment, but until that period arrives, our churches should be so interested in sustaining it, that every loyal Methodist Protestant in our district, male or female, bowed with age and without adequate means of support, should be made to feel that they are welcome applicants at the door of Our Church Home. We ask that it may have a larger place in the thought of the church, and now that we are prepared to do it, let the beautiful charity of caring for the uncaredfor, interest us as never before.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

J. W. HERING,
Chairman of Executive Committee

OF THE TREASURER.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, April 1902.....	\$1,740 37	
Amount received during the year, including Loan from Westminster Savings Bank.....	2,225 00	
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		\$3,965 37
Amount of sundry expenses during the year.....	\$ 100 52	
Amount expended in new building, hot water, heating, electric lighting, etc.....	3,620 06	
Amount due from Lady Managers, loan.....	225 00	
Amount in hands of Treasurer.....	19 79	
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		\$3,965 37
Due Westminster Savings Bank on note dated March 16th, 1903, at 5 per cent. interest.....	\$1,650 00.	

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING, *Treasurer.*

OF LADY MANAGERS.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, April 1902.....	\$ 50 26
Amount received at Conference of 1902.....	276 65
Amount received during present Conference year.....	231 06
Amount received from private donations.....	20 00
Amount of temporary loans from permanent fund	225 00
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	\$802 97
Amount of expenses during the year.....	\$520 00
Amount of loan from permanent fund as per last report, paid.....	245 00
Amount in hands of Treasurer	37 97
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	\$802 97

MRS. E. O. GRIMES, *President.*

OF THE STEWARD.

(See Resolution 16).

Steward for the fund for our Church Home begs leave to make the following report :

The amount received in cash	\$358 94
Receipts.....	236 06
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Total	\$595 00
Increase over last year.....	\$86 59

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BENNETT, *Steward.*

REPORT E.

Of the Faculty of Instruction.

We report of the third year's class, that C. M. Compher having been previously ordained, has complied with his promise to pursue the course of study until completed, and is passed through the course; that J. L. Nichols, Frederick J. Phillips and E. P. Perry have completed the course of study and, with W. N. Sherwood, are recommended for ordination.

Of the second year's class, we report that J. H. Straughn and Thomas Wheeler are passed to the third year; that J. H. Straughn having preached for three years under the stationing authority of the Conference, is hereby recommended for ordination, he being required in open Conference to promise to pursue the course of study until it is completed; that Thomas Wheeler received 100 in Church History.

Of the first year's class, we report that E. H. Jones, H. H. Price, and C. R. Strausburg are passed to the second year; that H. H. Price received 100 on Thesis.

Of the preparatory class, we recommend Edward Leon Bunce to the Board of Ministerial Education for aid; Philip Waxter Crosby, Delamarter Marshall Dibble, George Joseph Hooker, Franklin Porter Krauss, Clayborne Phillips, Harry Chaplain Staley and Richard Larkin Shipley to be received on trial, and report that they are passed into the first year's class.

We recommend that H. H. Price and Thomas Wheeler be relicensed to administer the ordinances.

We recommend that W. M. Jett, an unstationed preacher of West Baltimore; C. R. Strausburg, E. H. Jones, P. W. Crosby, D. M. Dibble, G. J. Hooker, R. L. Shipley and F. P. Krauss be licensed to administer the ordinances.

We recommend that J. S. Wildridge be continued in the hands of the President.

William J. F. Litsinger, having promised the Faculty in writing, not to administer the ordinances of the church during his probation, we recommend that he be placed in the hands of the President.

We recommend that the following questions be placed in the Personal Report of Pastors: "Are you in debt to the Board of Ministerial Education?" "If so, have you met your obligation?"

H. C. Cushing will examine students of the third year, as well as those of the second year, in Miley's Theology.

W. M. Strayer will examine in Conference Official Report in the preparatory course.

The rule has been changed so as to require the graduates of the Seminary to appear for examination each year before the examiners in Hebrew and Greek.

The Faculty of Instruction has adopted the following minute for record on its Journal:

Rev. B. F. Benson, D.D., for more than thirty years a member of this Faculty, examiner in Systematic Theology, and one of our most earnest, conscientious and efficient members, was suddenly removed from labor to reward November 30th, 1903.

By his devotion to the work entrusted to him, and his intelligent appreciation of his responsibilities, he filled the place in our work of dignity and importance and usefulness to the whole Conference. His associates deplore their loss and cherish his memory as that of a brother beloved.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary.*

REPORT F.

Of The Committee on Credentials.

Your Committee submit the following report:

We have examined all of the "certificates of election" and find same all correct.

J. B. JONES, *Chairman.*

REPORT G.**Education.****OF THE COMMITTEE.**

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

We are living in an age of intense intellectual activity and of great educational advancement. We recognize the work of Christian Education as of prime importance, and hold it to be one of the first duties of the Church to foster institutions of learning, by contributing to their financial support, and by securing for them the patronage without which financial support would be useless.

We are glad to learn that Western Maryland College continues to make steady progress. The Report of President Lewis shows that the number of lady boarders for the current year is the largest in the history of the College.

The College is deserving of more hearty and general support, and the church should exert its best efforts to bring the student roll up to at least 300. The College is doing much to give us denominational prestige, and its established position among the colleges of the State finds increasing recognition from educators and the people in general. We especially commend the recent "College number" of the Methodist Protestant. It well told, by pen and picture, the whole story. We cherish the hope that a Library Building may soon be erected to meet the needs of this growing institution. We earnestly urge all pastors to co-operate in every way to secure students for the College.

While constant attention must be directed to patronage, the time has come when endowment must be kept before the people. It is gratifying to note that sentiment for endowment is growing. Last year only 50 charges contributed to endowment. This year 122 charges report a collection for this fund. The amount received last year through the Sunday schools was \$726.00. This year the amount is \$1,339.59. This conclusively shows the wisdom of the Conference in placing endowment among the regular assessments. Since the College agrees to place in the fund an amount equal to that contributed by the Conference, another year as good as this will bring the Endowment Fund up to about \$10,000.00.

This is a beginning. With a deeper interest in this great subject, we may confidently look for more general and generous responses. We shall hail with delight the day when Endowment shall put Western Maryland College upon a safe financial basis.

We recommend that the assessment for the Endowment Fund of the College be continued as last year.

We recommend that the request for the appointment of A. D. Melvin as Endowment Secretary for another year be granted.

We further recommend that all pastors open their pulpits to the Endowment Secretary, and assist him in every way possible.

We are glad to learn, as we do from the letter of Secretary Berrien, that the affairs of the Board of Ministerial Education are in an encouraging condition, but we deplore the scarcity of promising candidates for the ministry.

We recommend that in all our churches prayer be made that young men in increasing numbers may be called into the ministry of the church. The age de-

mands an educated ministry. The day is forever past when piety alone can be considered a sufficient qualification for the work of the ministry. The men who are to occupy our pulpits must be men of piety, but they must be men also of the best scholastic preparation our institutions can afford.

In the Westminster Theological Seminary we have an institution well equipped for the training of young men for our ministry. The Report of the Board of Governors, referred to us, contains information that is highly gratifying.

It is encouraging to learn of the continual prosperity of the Seminary, as evidenced by the enlarged roll of students, by the improvements to the property, and by the increase in the Scholarship Fund. We wish to express our appreciation of the gifts that have been made to the Seminary during the year, and trust that it may continue to enjoy the beneficence of our people. We note with pleasure that four of the graduates of this year are seeking admission to the Conference at this session.

We congratulate President Elderdice upon the success achieved, and pledge him our earnest co-operation.

The Board of Governors requests that \$1,800.00 be assessed upon the District for the Seminary, that H. L. Elderdice be assigned to his present position for the ensuing year, and that pastors open their pulpits to the President to present the claims of the Seminary.

We recommend that these requests be granted.

J. W. BALDERSTON, *Chairman.*

OF THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, in Baltimore City, begs leave to report in accordance with its charter that at the meeting of the Society held June 5th, 1902, the resignation of Luther J. Cox was received, consequent on his removal from the city, as a member of its Directory. As directed by our charter, the President of the Maryland Annual Conference, Rev. F. T. Little, D.D., appointed James W. Chapman, Jr., as a Director to serve until the ensuing Annual Conference in due legal form. It is now necessary that the Conference shall elect a Director as required by our charter.

At the special meeting held March 27, 1903, the Secretary reported that information had been received from the Treasurer of Western Maryland College that no change in its financial condition had occurred during the current year affecting our waver of mortgage.

On motion it was resolved that the Secretary make the annual report to the Maryland Conference as required by our charter.

JOHN D. KINZER, *President.*

E. J. DRINKHOUSE, *Secretary.*

OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren: I have the honor of presenting my seventeenth annual report as the President of Western Maryland College.

We have had our usual attendance of students except that the largest number of boarders on the ladies' side in the history of the College has been present. Still we have not yet carried the student roll up to 300, as we ought to do, and hope we will do in the near future. The routine of work has gone on as usual and we feel gratified to think that our position among the colleges of the state is established both among the people and the educators of the state. The President is frequently called on by Teacher's Institutes and High Schools for addresses, indicating how well the College is thought of in these quarters; and by a recent action of the Association of Colleges of the Middle States he has been associated with the Presidents of the Johns Hopkins University and St. John's College, as a committee to select the Rhodes' scholars from Maryland. Such mention is made, notwithstanding its personal character, because of the gratification it will be to you with whom the College has so long been regarded as the pride of the church, to learn that it is equally becoming the pride of the state.

A recent issue of the Methodist Protestant gave us the opportunity to exhibit before the whole church, some of the material results which have been accomplished at the College. This has surprised and delighted very many who knew little of the College before, and our hope is that much benefit may result.

I would call special attention to the picture in that number of a library not yet erected. I trust there are some friends who will give that idea room in their hearts. Great buildings for great purposes are twice blessed and they lift a memorial which is better than great riches.

Two years ago the first effort was made by the authority of the Conference to raise an Endowment fund by annual collections in our churches and Sunday schools. Last year the Conference consented, somewhat reluctantly it is true, to include this collection among the regular assessments. I am glad to report the most assuring results from this action. Instead of fifty charges, one hundred and twenty-two of the one hundred and thirty-two charges have reported a collection this year for this purpose. Instead of \$726.00 we have received this year \$1,339.59. This shows conclusively I think that the endowment of the College is where it ought to be when we put it among our regular assessments. As the College, in accordance with the promise made at the last Conference, will place in the fund an amount equal to that contributed by the Conference, it will be seen that our Endowment fund is already assuming respectable proportions, and another year as good as this will give us about \$10,000.00 in all.

As a conclusion to this subject, I would earnestly entreat the pastors of this Conference to read the article in the College number of the Protestant, entitled, "What more do you want?" The College continues to ask the co-operation of pastors in securing students. No other agency can do as effective work for us in this direction as pastors. A word from them fitly spoken and spoken in

time, is worth more to us than all our printed advertisements. I am rejoiced to think that there are so many of our pastor allied to us in the sacred relation of former students that the number of enthusiastic agents is constantly being multiplied.

The College asks that the Conference will consent to the appointment of Rev. A. D. Melvin, D. D., as Endowment Secretary, for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Under the Providence of God the Westminster Theological Seminary is prepared to play its part in swelling the chorus of our Diamond Jubilee. In legal language, this child of the Church attains its majority just in time to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its mother. Twenty-one years ago it was born and cradled in the Maryland Conference. After two years of maternal care it was elegantly equipped with a faultless wardrobe, and, in the presence of the General Conference, laid as an offering upon the altar of our denomination. This generous gift of our Conference to all our Conferences was securely sealed with the sanction of the great Head of the Church, else the glowing report of this hour were not possible. It was well for the institution that its pioneer work fell into the hands of the vigorous, tireless, indomitable Dr. T. H. Lewis, and that its critical period was under the care of the patient, sympathetic, trustful Dr. J. T. Ward. As to the present incumbent, his lines have fallen to him in pleasant places, for the Seminary has passed the experimental stage and dissipated doubt as to its permanency.

At the age of 21 it is the Amla Mater of 67 sons who are preaching in 16 states and in Japan. It boasts of a large three story brick building equipped with Library, Lecture Rooms, Chapel, and well-furnished rooms for 30 students; of steam heat and electricity; of shady lawns and cultivated gardens; of a home for the President on the campus; of five acres of ground, and best of all, not one dollar of debt on the whole plant.

During the year about to close rapid strides have been made along all lines. There has not been for twelve years a roll of students so large. The number is 17—Seniors 5, Middlers 5, and Juniors 7. Their state distribution is: Alabama 1, Louisiana 1, Virginia 2, New Jersey 2, West Virginia 2, New York 2, and Maryland 7. The improvement along financial lines has also been marked. Special collections from our two churches in Wilmington and from Quantico circuit have made possible certain improvements in the building and on the lawns. Through the generosity of Mr. Daniel Baker the Seminary came into the possession of a new typewriter. The regular Curriculum has been supplemented by the following Course of Lectures: Dr. F. T. Little, "The True Minister a Gift of God to the Church"; Rev. E. T. Read, "The Preacher among his People and his Books"; Rev. E. S. Fooks, "Winning Souls"; Rev. W. M

Strayer, "The Minister and his Work"; Rev. T. O. Crouse, "Before the Sermon"; Rev. B. P. Truitt, "Religious Experience the Highest Source of Knowledge"; Rev. L. Randall, "Guide-posts on the Road to Ministerial Success"; Rev. G. M. Clayton, "Seeing the Invisible." But the Lectures have not been confined to the Maryland Conference, for we have had the instruction of the President of the Georgia Conference—Rev. J. McD. Radford, "The Right Relation of the Church to the World"; from the New Jersey Conference—Rev. J. B. Nixon, "Trials and Triumphs in the Ministry"; from the Muskingum Conference—Rev. Dr. W. L. Wells, President of West Lafayette College, "Paul and his Theme"; and from the West Virginia Conference—Rev. G. R. Brown, "Jesus Revealed in the Life of the Minister". While these Courses of Lectures are sustained at considerable cost for travelling expenses, yet there is an ample reward, for the students receive the profit of coming in personal contact with our successful ministers fresh from the field who can furnish information from experience not taught in books, while the speakers themselves become better acquainted with the work of the Seminary, and return to awaken interest and sympathy on their home fields in behalf of this Institution.

The following prizes are offered this year: Hebrew, Dr. J. W. Hering; Greek, E. O. Grimes; Extemporaneous Debate, Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse; Thesis, J. Norman Wills.

Among our old friends who renew their Scholarship subscriptions are Trinity Church, Rev. N. T. Meginnis, Mr. Joseph D. Baker, Dr. Joseph Watson and the Alumni Association; and our new ones are: "Cash" \$125.00; Miss Hattie Bollinger, \$100.00; the Washington and Alexandria Christian Endeavor Union, \$100.00, and Rev. William Dale, \$100.00. This increase in the Scholarship Fund is meeting an imperative call from worthy but needy students. Many who are called to preach are too poor to pay all their expenses, and if we do not help them after they have done all in their power they will either enter the ministry of our church unprepared or drift into some denomination whose Theological Seminaries offer financial inducements.

The \$2,000.00 contribution to the Scholarship Fund, from a generous brother mentioned in the last report, has been recently paid and is now invested, the interest to be used in aiding needy students. The liberality of this layman is equalled by his modesty, therefore the publication of his name is prohibited.

The President spent the summer travelling in New Jersey, West Virginia, New York, Pittsburg, Ohio, Muskingum and Indiana Conferences seeking to enlist support, and the seed sown promises to bear fruit. Of the four graduates last year one has already joined the Maryland Conference and two more will join at this session. Of the five who will graduate this year, four are now knocking for admission to the Maryland Conference; so, while the Maryland Conference still bears the burden of supporting the Seminary, it is receiving most of the fruits.

The only shadow that has fallen upon the work of the year has been the shadow of death. November 30th, Dr. B. F. Benson, Professor of Systematic

and Practical Theology, suddenly passed from labor to reward. He was a faithful teacher, a wise counselor, a sympathetic friend and a consistent Christian whose word and example will live in the grateful memory of all his students.

His successor is the Rev. Claude Cicero Douglas, A. B., B. D., a graduate of Western Maryland College and of the Westminster Theological Seminary.

The Board of Governors desires to express its appreciation of the hearty co-operation of the pastors and the churches and to assure all concerned that no stone will be left unturned to make the Seminary an institution of which we may all be proud, and well worthy the sacrifices and the faith of its founders. With gratitude for the past and courage for the future we recommend:

- 1, The assignment of H. L. Elderdice for the ensuing year.
- 2, The assessment of \$1,800.
- 3, That pastors open their pulpits to the President to present the claims of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

OF THE EDUCATIONAL STEWARD.

Assessment for Seminary.....	\$1800 00
Paid	1800 40
Increase.....	113 40
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Assessment for College	\$1446 00
Paid.....	1339 24
Increase.....	612 24
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Assessment for Ministerial Education.....	\$600 00
Paid.....	565 00
Increase.....	61 00

Respectfully,

J. M. DICKEY, *Steward*

REPORT H.

Of the Committee on Literature.

Your Committee on Literature begs leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the Report of the Baltimore Book Directory and find therein much that is both gratifying and encouraging, as shown by the increased circulation of the Methodist Protestant and our Sabbath-school literature, and the net gain of \$3,213.63 in the last three years as compared with the three previous years.

We wish to express our hearty appreciation of the efforts of Dr. F. T. Tagg, Editor, in the series of excellent articles given the Church by competent writers, and in the special District of Columbia Methodist Protestant Church, Seminary,

College, and Our Church Home numbers of the paper to make it attractive and valuable as a factor in the education of our people in denominational work.

We would most respectfully call attention to the work of Dr. Tagg, as Agent and Publisher of the Book Concern, and to the special arrangement by which he is enabled to furnish at "reasonable prices, Bibles of all kinds; communion sets—with or without individual cups; collection plates, and other articles used by the churches."

Your Committee finds inexpressible satisfaction and gratulation in the intelligence just received that an eligible and commodious building has been purchased in Baltimore City for our publishing interests. This is the consummation of a long-deferred, but prayerfully-cherished hope, and we congratulate the Church upon its realization.

It should be, as we believe it is, a matter of very great pleasure to this Conference to learn that the 20th Century Fund has now reached \$15,148.67, cash in hand and subscriptions. We recommend that Dr. F. T. Little be continued as Agent of this Fund, to serve as opportunity may afford in connection with his duties as President of the Conference, in soliciting further contributions and collecting the outstanding subscriptions. And we further recommend that pastors co-operate with the Agent in collecting the subscriptions yet unpaid.

Your Committee is convinced that the splendid "Methodist Protestant Church Hymnal," with its Scripture readings and the Church Ritual ought to be adopted by all our people, and we urge upon our pastors the use of the Hymnal in all their churches.

In view of the intrinsic value of the Methodist Protestant we ought to give it greater patronage, not only because of its helpfulness in the family, but also, because its Sabbath school, Christian Endeavor, and Junior Christian Endeavor features, containing valuable suggestions equal to the best found elsewhere, makes it of practical value in the various activities of our church work. Your committee notes with greatest pleasure the splendid recognition given to our church papers by the President of this Conference in his annual report, and by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., in his admirable Jubilee Sermon. These endorsements and testimonials coming from such sources should awaken a new zeal in behalf of the Methodist Protestant, and incite every member of this Conference to use all effort to increase its circulation. We cannot too strongly urge the importance of an increased circulation of the Methodist Protestant, recognizing as we do that this paper is the pastor's faithful and most efficient assistant, the people's most reliable bureau of church intelligence, the friend and advocate of every worthy denominational enterprise, as well as an honored household visitor whose wise and wholesome words minister to the intellectual, and spiritual culture of all its readers. General observation warrants the assertion that loyalty to our church principles, interest in our local and general church enterprises and intelligent christian fidelity, are always most conspicuous among he patrons and readers of our church paper.

We note with pleasure a distinct improvement in the Lesson Helps furnished by our church authorities and desire to commend the editor, Rev. C. E. Wilbur, D. D., for his intelligent effort to make our Sabbath-school literature second to none. As to the use of our Sabbath-school literature, we would call the attention of the pastors and churches to the disciplinary requirement (Discipline 1900, page 67, Sec. 8) that the Quarterly Conference in exercising supervisory control of the Sabbath schools—"Require that our own papers and lesson helps be used."

In view of the inestimable worth of the Diamond Jubilee sermon preached by Dr. T. H. Lewis, D.D., as a historical contribution to our Denominational Literature, the decision of the Conference to publish it in pamphlet form is to be hailed with delight, and we urge that our pastors give to this masterly and timely sermon, the widest possible circulation.

T. O. CROUSE, *Chairman.*

LOUIS RANDALL, *Secretary.*

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY.

Dear Brethren:—The temporary arrangement referred to in last year's report, which makes the editor of the Methodist Protestant the Agent and Publisher of the Book Concern, still continues, with little probability of an immediate change, at least until the larger quarters we have been trying to secure, shall have been found.

We are glad to report progress in each department of our work. The circulation of the Methodist Protestant, as well as the Sunday-school literature show a hopeful increase of circulation. We do not mean to say that the figures are what they ought to be, but they are all on the right side of the column. Our finances show a healthy condition, and yet, they only indicate what we have the best reason to believe they would be if we were in our own establishment, and had the whole swing of the business entirely in our own hands.

The following table may not be without interest to the Conference. We give it because we think you will be gratified with the changed situation. It covers a period of six years:

February 28th, 1898, net loss..	\$207 75	February, 1901, net gain.....	\$ 787.43
February 28th, 1899, net loss.....	554 91	February, 1902, net gain.....	1598.39
February 28th. 1900, net loss	292.85	February, 1903, net gain.....	827.81
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Total net loss.....	\$1,055.51	Total net gain.....	\$3,213.63

The Committee on the purchase of a Book-concern property has met several times, and has examined much property, but has not been able to concentrate on a purchase. It has been careful and acted with a full sense of the importance of the matter, and the responsibilities involved. The Agent has arranged with certain firms, which enabled him to furnish at reasonable prices, Bibles of all kinds, communion sets, with or without individual cups, collection plates and other articles used by the churches. These being entirely under his control, all the profits accruing therefrom will go into the treasury of the Book Concern.

The Methodist Protestant has made gains in the number of its subscribers, but we are sorry to say they have not come from the Maryland district. Some of the brethren have done good work, and the lists on their fields show a healthy increase, but on other fields there has been a falling away. We can only express our regret that all the ministers do not seem to be equally interested in the success of our work. The price of the paper has been reduced to \$1.50 to all persons. The editor by special contributions from competent persons, and by special numbers of the paper has made the best effort he could to make it interesting and useful to the Church, and our patrons have indicated their appreciation of these efforts. Surely it is not too much to ask for a larger patronage.

The third edition of the Hymnal has been published, which indicates the most remarkable sale of any book we have ever placed on the market, and yet it is perhaps a very fair statement to say, that not more than one half of the Churches have yet provided themselves with it. We will be glad to have new orders, until another edition of the book shall be necessary. It has been adopted by the Primitive Methodist brethren, and they have already ordered two thousand copies, and recently the Agent entered into a contract with the colored brethren in Wilmington, Del., who sold one order of a hundred copies, and have ordered a hundred more.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. CLARKE, *President.*

F. T. LITTLE, *Secretary.*

ON PUBLICATION OF DR. LEWIS'S SERMON.

We recommend:

[1, That the Diamond Jubilee Sermon, delivered by T. H. Lewis, be published in book form, in size and style similar to the book entitled, "Methodist Protestant Principles", by the same author.

2, That it be sold at the rate of ten cents a copy.

3, That pastors and laymen have now the privilege of subscribing for as many copies as they may desire for distribution on their respective charges.

H. L. ELDERDICE, *Chairman.*

OF AGENT, TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

Dr.

To amount of Fund all told including cash, subscriptions, interest and extra dividends on bank deposits.....\$15,148 67

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To cash in Maryland Savings Bank, including interest and extra dividend to April 1st, 1903.....\$13,233 18
To unpaid subscriptions on books..... 1,548 65
To expense account for four years..... 366 84

\$15,148 67

The Agent has sent out appeal after appeal to the unpaid subscribers to the Fund—in many cases earnest personal letters—urging payment, and showing how their failure to respond embarrassed the committee in charge of the matter, in its efforts to purchase a desirable property for our new Book Concern. He still believes many of the parties will pay the amounts they have subscribed, but confesses he can not understand why they have not done so long ago.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. LITTLE, *Agent.*

March 31st, 1903.

REPORT I.

Of The Committee on Sabbath Observance.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance report the following:

WHEREAS, The Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath is divinely appointed as a day for rest, worship and spiritual improvement, and

WHEREAS, Wicked men—worldly men generally—and those engaged in the liquor business in particular, are united in their efforts to rob this day of its sacredness, and are aided in their unholy purpose by a lack of consistency and persistency on the part of many professing faith in the Lord of the Sabbath, therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That as a body of believers we deprecate all such efforts and insist that the members of our Church stand uncompromisingly for the sacredness of this holy day, and that by precept and example we condemn all work and traffic on this day except such as are sanctioned by the Scriptures.

Resolved 2nd, That we disapprove of all unnecessary traveling on the Lord's Day, that we will not give to the Sunday excursions and the Sunday newspapers our patronage, and that as ministers of the Gospel we refuse to preach on any camp-ground where traffic is allowed on the Sabbath Day.

Resolved 3rd, That our Ministers be requested to preach more frequently on Sabbath Observance.

D. W. ANSTINE, *Chairman.*

OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH COMMITTEES FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS ON SABBATH DESECRATIONS.

Your committee has had nothing to do during the past year.

W. S. HAMMOND, *Committee.*

REPORT J.

Church Extension.

OF THE COMMITTEE.

All past records of the history of this committee have been surpassed this year in applications for financial help.

More than one-fourth of the appointments have sought aid. We recognize the fact that there is abroad within the bounds of our Conference a spirit of advancement along the line of improvement in church property, as well as the increase in pastor's support; this is, by all means, to be commended and encouraged by this committee so far as it is possible so to do.

We have given every applicant due consideration and under existing circumstances can make no better adjustment of the matters referred to this committee.

We have considered carefully the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society and agree with them in the opinion expressed in regard to Christ Church, but find it impossible to grant their request in full this year, but embody our recommendation in the list of appropriations; with this exception, we recommend the adoption of the report as a whole.

We recommend that \$4,000 be assessed on the district for Church Extension, for the year 1903-4.

We recommend that new enterprises, expecting aid from the Conference secure the approval of the Committee on Church Enterprises or their representatives, before making application to the Conference.

BOUNDARIES.

We recommend:

- 1, That Amelia be divided, and that Liberty and Grace constitute Amelia charge and that Hollywood and Bethia constitute a charge known as Hollywood.
- 2, That Cannons Church be attached to Greenwood Charge.
- 3, That Middleway be placed in care of the Quarterly Conference of Harper's Ferry.
- 4, That Montgomery be disassociated from Kemptown and that Ridgeville, Mt. Lebanon, Bethel and Shilo constitute Montgomery Charge.
- 5, That Cherrydale be detached from Potomac and placed in care of the pastor of Mt. Tabor.
- 6, That the name of Central Charge be changed to Rhode Island Avenue.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Baltimore.....	\$ 50 00
Broadway, (same conditions as last year).....	250 00
Clinton Hill.....	500 00
Christ Church, (\$300.00 this year, \$200 00 next year; under the direction of Baltimore City Church Extension Society).....	500 00

Cumberland, on interest	\$100 00
Crumpton.....	50 00
Denton.....	175 00
Dover, (same conditions as last year).....	50 00
Larelvile, (under the direction of the Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society).....	50 00
Federalsburg.....	200 00
First Church, on interest.....	100 00
Keen Memorial, (under direction of the Board of Managers of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society)	100 00
Lawsonia, (if they raise \$100).....	50 00
Lynchburg.....	175 00
Millville.....	50 00
Montgomery.....	50 00
North Carolina Avenue, (on condition that they raise \$1,000.00 on debt).....	250 00
Powellville.....	25 00
Quantico.....	75 00
St. Michaels.....	25 00
St. Luke's, (on conditions that they raise \$200 00 on debt).....	100 00
Seaford, (\$100.00 this year, \$100.00 next year).....	200 00
Snow Hill.....	250 00
West Wilmington, on interest.....	100 00
First Church, Wilmington, (on debt if they raise \$200.00 on debt).....	100 00
Wye.....	25 00
South Baltimore, (on last year's appropriation).....	250 00

Respectfully submitted,

B. P. TRUITT, *Chairman.*

OF THE STEWARD.

Summary.

Amount appropriated.....	\$3,580 00	
Last year's deficiency.....	879 17	
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		\$4,459 17
Amount assessed on the district.....	\$4,155 00	
Excess over appropriation last year.....	304 17	
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		\$4,459 17

Funds for Distribution.

From assessment.....	\$3,553 00	
Annual dues.....	100 75	
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		\$3,653 75

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Less Amounts Paid.

Last year's loan returned.....	\$837 31
Interest on same.....	41 86
To Broadway.....	325 00
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	\$1,204 17
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Amount for distribution.....	\$2,449 58

Appropriations for 1902 and 1903.

	Prom.	Paid.	Due.
Bethany, T. R. Woodford.....	\$100 00	\$ 75 25	\$ 24 75
Christ Church, J. S. Bowers.....	300 00	225 75	74 25
Clinton Hill, C. M. Compher.....	75 00	56 43	18 57
Crumpton, E. B. Taylor.....	75 00	56 43	18 57
Cumberland, W. A. Melvin.....	90 00	67 72	22 28
Denton, B. P. Truitt.....	200 00	150 50	49 50
Dover, H. H. Price.....	75 00	56 43	18 57
Federalburg, H. F. Wright.....	200 00	150 50	49 50
Keen Memorial, Board of Managers.....	250 00	188 12	61 88
Kempton, Frank Clift.....	50 00	37 62	12 38
Lawsonia, W. N. Sherwood.....	50 00	37 62	12 38
Lynchburg, G. Q. Bacchus.....	200 00	150 50	49 50
Howard, J. W. Parris.....	50 00	37 62	12 38
Millville, C. C. Baker and A. W. Betts.....	75 00	56 43	18 57
North Carolina Avenue, A. N. Ward.....	250 00	188 12	61 88
Powellville, G. H. Stocksdales.....	50 00	37 62	12 38
Quantico, F. J. Phillips.....	75 00	56 43	18 57
Reliance, Thomas Wheeler.....	40 00	30 10	9 90
South Baltimore, E. S. Fooks.....	250 00	188 12	61 88
St. Luke's, J. B. Jones.....	200 00	150 50	49 50
St. Michaels, J. M. Dickey	50 00	37 62	12 38
Snow Hill, Avery Donovan.....	300 00	225 75	74 25
West Wilmington, J. L. Nichols.....	100 00	75 25	24 75
Wye, B. B. Ruley.....	50 00	37 62	12 38
Mt. Lebanon, F. T. Little.....	100 00	75 25	24 75
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	\$3,255 00	\$2,449 30	\$805 70
Balance in hand.....		28	
Per centum, 75-25-100.			

If the amount due claimants is borrowed as last year, the Steward will send checks for balance as rendered in this report.

E. S. FOOKS, *Steward.*

OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

To the Maryland Annual Conference :

Dear Brethren :—In bringing to you our annual report, we regret exceedingly that we cannot report a more gratifying condition of the church at Waverly.

The long sickness of Dr. Ewell, of course caused some interruption in the amnagement of the church, but is in no sense responsible for the lack of responsiveness in this long-tested field. After the death of Dr. Ewell, Rev. D. M. Dibble was appointed to the charge and he has faithfully endeavored to awaken interest in and activity for the church. There seems to be some dissatisfaction with the arrangement which connects Waverly with Evergreen, and to correct the matter, a resolution was passed at the last meeting of our society asking that this arrangement be discontinued. A feeling of genuine uneasiness pervades the entire society in reference to the work at Waverly.

The work at Christ Church we wish to bring to your especial attention. At the last meeting of our society a paper was presented, setting forth the condition and needs of this church. After a thorough discussion of the entire matter, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this society most respectfully recommends to the Maryland Annual Conference that an appropriation of \$500.00 be made to Christ Church, Baltimore, to be paid on the remainder of debt on lot.

Resolved, That this society pledge its united and earnest efforts to raise within the next 12 months, the sum of \$500.00 in the interest of Christ Church.

Mrs. A. R. Jones was elected chairman of committee to devise ways and means to raise this money. After a careful survey of the entire field we feel that as a denomination, we cannot afford to let this enterprise fail. For years this heroic band of loyal churchmen have struggled against discouragements and the mistakes of others. They have made sacrifices and are still willing to do so and we believe if the Conference will come to their relief, ere long a beautiful church will be erected upon the lot on North Avenue, upon which \$1,200.00 yet remains to be paid. The President of this society has paid over to the proper parties the money which came into his hands from appropriation and collection at the last Conference.

We wish to express our thanks to Mrs. T. A. Reese and all others who have assisted us in our work.

We request that you appoint a pastor to Waverly to work under the advice and direction of this society.

Most respectfully,

JOHN S. BOWERS, *President.*

REPORT K.**Of The Committee On Benevolent Agencies.**

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies submits the following:

We are pleased to note that our generous sister, Mrs. T. A. Reese has continued her splendid contributions of \$200.00 each to Bible and Tract cause. We note also the evidences of the effective work of these societies and earnestly hope that the collections may not only be continued but increased. The collection for Bible cause is \$411.00 and we recommend A. H. Green, G. M. Clayton, J. H. Straughn, as life directors.

The collection for the Maryland Tract Society is \$364.00 and we recommend J. W. Parris, J. M. Brown, C. K. McCaslin, as life directors.

F. H. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

OF BIBLE AND TRACT STEWARD.

	1903.	1902.	Increase.
Bible.....	\$411 20	\$400 95	\$10 25
Tract	364 55	332 47	32 08
Total.....	\$775 75	\$733 42	\$42 33

N. O. GIBSON, *Steward.*

REPORT L.**Of the Committee On Transportation.**

Your committee respectfully reports that very satisfactory arrangements for Conference transportation have been made with all railways leading to the seat of Conference. All officials interviewed were most cordial to your committee, and perfectly willing to accommodate the Conference in every way possible.

G. W. HADDAWAY, *Committee.*

REPORT M.**Missions.****OF THE COMMITTEE.**

We are gratified with the continued encouraging reports which come to us from the secretaries of our Home and Foreign boards; the information shows the work is more prosperous than ever before and hence should inspire the church to greater efforts in furnishing missionaries and the means necessary to meet the demand of the rapidly enlarging opportunities. We are pleased to state that the Maryland District has contributed \$500.00 more to missions this year than last.

We have now in Japan, 475 members, 77 probationers, and 85 baptised children. Also 31 Sunday schools, numbering 1148 scholars. The property includes 7 churches and 3 parsonages, valued at \$9,025.00. We also have college and school properties valued at \$29,000.00 making a grand total of \$38,025 all in good condition and entirely free from debt. Two missionaries and their wives sent out by the board during the year together with the two lady missionaries sent by the W. F. M. S. Sept. , 1902, increases the working force to 34.

Your committee would especially commend the Tokio Church enterprise to the consideration of our Conference and people. The noble efforts of our members in the Capitol of the empire of Japan to raise \$500.00 for a church building should be seconded and encouraged by liberal efforts on our part. The success of such an enterprise would contribute largely to our prestige in the foreign field.

The reports from the Maryland and the Washington and Alexandria branches of the W. F. M. S. show that they have collected during the year \$1,640.49.

The work of the Board of Home Missions commends itself to our favorable consideration. We believe it to be well managed, and worthy of our best endorsement and most liberal support. The plan of loaning money for a term of years instead of donating it, is in our opinion, a wise one, and must appeal favorably to the business men of our church. We believe that the policy of making appropriations where self-support is likely to be earliest secured is judicious. It is to be regretted that the income of the Board is not equal to its pressing necessities, and in consequence of this fact, we urge that the Conference make every effort to raise the full assessment of \$2,000.00.

We repeat the recommendation of last year, that the Easter Service for Home Missions be observed in all our Sunday schools. We also emphasize the recommendation that the Children's Day collections be reported to the Conference separate from the assessments.

J. W. TROUT, *Chairman.*

R. K. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

OF FOREIGN MISSIONARY STEWARD.

Total from assessments	\$2,399 28
Children's Day.....	2,889 48
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	1,198 59
Special.....	573 00
Total.....	\$7,060 35

J. L. WARD, *Steward.*

OF MARYLAND BRANCH.

Maryland Branch, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Protestant Church, send greetings to Maryland Annual Conference, Pocomoke City, Md. "May God bless this session of the Conference as never before." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is the command we

are endeavoring to obey. If God had not known we were competent to work in His vineyard, He would not have left it for us, therefore, we are striving faithfully to assist in the redemption of the world.

We ask you to urge organizations of Auxiliaries to the W. F. M. S. on each charge. Receipts to date, \$1,420.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY HUPFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

March 30, 1903.

OF THE WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA BRANCH, W. F. M. S.

Total amount contributed by Washington and Alexandria Branch, from

April, 1902, to April, 1903.....\$220 49

MARY E. GOODS, *Treasurer.*

OF STEWARD OF GENERAL HOME MISSIONS.

Assessed\$2,055 00

Paid 1,792 00

Deficit.....\$ 263 00

Increase over last year.....\$186 00.

G. M. CLAYTON, *Steward.*

REPORT N.

Of the Committee On Official Character.

Your committee has carefully examined the reports of all the pastors. They have also had before them the pastor and delegate of each charge where the report was considered defective. They have not found any reason for arresting the passage of the official character of any pastor, but they have discovered defects in the personal reports and in the record of the year's work, to which they wish to call the attention of the Conference.

1, Twenty-six of the personal reports were found defective, some of them bearing questions unanswered, and other reports were unsigned and undated, showing haste and carelessness in filling the blanks. Accuracy in official reports is so important that no man in a responsible position can afford to be indifferent to it. Without it our published minutes are misleading and valueless.

2, Forty-seven pastors failed to secure even one new subscriber to the "Methodist Protestant" according to their own reports. With the inevitable loss of subscribers, through death and other causes, this means a large reduction of the circulation of the official organ.

3, Thirty-five pastors have failed to give to new members copies of the Discipline as the law requires.

4, Nineteen pastors report that they have failed to secure the incorporation of the Board of Church Trustees.

5, Forty-seven pastors have failed to raise their assessments in full. Some of them have not received all of the salary promised, but most of them were paid in full.

6, The Conference Steward reports to us that thirty-one Christian Endeavor reports are inaccurate, and forty-seven statistical blanks are marked by mistakes. These are generally mistakes in simple addition and subtraction; such mistakes can only be attributed to want of time and care in preparing the report.

Your committee believes that many of the pastors fail to appreciate the importance of some of these interests, and ignore the fact that the Conference has laid the obligations upon the pastors and official boards of all our charges. We call attention to these things in the hope that the mere mention of them, and the possible discussion in open Conference may serve to correct many of these inaccuracies, and stimulate to greater diligence in behalf of the general interest.

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

REPORT O.

Of the Committee on Temperance.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report, viz:

The Conference will be pleased to learn of the steady progress made in the formation of temperance sentiment throughout the land, as evidenced by the removal of the saloons from the Capitol at Washington, the prohibition of the sale of liquors at Immigrant Stations and the enforcement of the Anti-Canteen Law.

We heartily commend the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League, and the National Reform Bureau, for the vigilance and persevering activity in aiding to bring about these desirable results. We recommend:

1, That Rev. T. O. Crouse and Bro. J. B. Thomas be appointed members of the Executive Committee of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League in compliance with the request of said League.

2, That our people do all in their power to counteract and defeat the organized efforts of the Lipuor Dealers Associations to dominate legislation in our conference territory as set forth by their conventions.

3, That so far as possible, we comply with the request to observe the World's Temperance Sunday by preaching on that subject from all our pulpits.

4, We endorse, reiterate and emphasize that we as a Church are opposed to members of our churches signing applications for licence to sell lipuor, whether in beer saloons or hotels, renting property for saloon purposes, or in any way aiding or promoting the interest of the liquor element.

E. C. MAKOSKY, *Chairman.*

REPORT P.

Of the Committee on Superannuates.

Your Committee on Superannuates respectfully submits the following report :

First, We recommend that \$4,000.00 be assessed on the District for distribution next year.

Second, We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

Rev. W. A. Crouse.....	\$200	Mrs. Thomas Lee.....	100
" H. C. Cushing.....	300	" W. F. Livingston.....	100
" A. D. Dick.....	400	" R. L. Lewis.....	275
" C. H. Littleton.....	350	" J. A. McFadden.....	150
" W. J. D. Lucas	350	" E. R. McGregor.....	100
" J. J. Murray.....	400	" C. B. Middleton	200
" S. B. Southerland.....	550	" H. E. Miskimon.....	100
" J. G. Sullivan.....	250	" J. K. Nichols.....	125
" J. A. Weigand.....	350	" R. S. Norris	250
Mrs. W. C. Ames.....	100	" J. E. Read.....	125
" D. Bowers.....		" John Roberts.....	225
" B. F. Benson.....	250	" D. A. Shermer.....	75
" J. W. Charlton.....	200	" G. J. Smith.....	175
" C. T. Cochel.....	100	" C. M. Thompson.....	200
" H. J. Day.....	150	" S. G. Valliant.....	125
" W. T. Dumm.....	250	" A. J. Walter.....	275
" J. M. Elderdice.....	200	" R. S. Williamson.....	275
" J. H. Ellegood.....	125	" P. L. Wilson....	125
" W. J. Floyd.....	175	Orphan children of Rev. T. E. Coul-	
" S. T. Ferguson.....	200	bourne (to be paid to their legal	
" D. N. Gilbert.....	175	representative).....	300
" J. L. Kilgore.....	200		

Third, The fund paid last year \$101.70 on each \$100.00 appropriated.

A. W. MATHER, *Chairman*.

OF SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD.

1902.	<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance from 1901-1902	\$	14 60
July, Check from Treasurer.....		25 00
Oct. 10, Check from Treasurer... ..		2,300 00
1903.		
March 4, Check from Rev. B. F. Ruley.....		17 00
March 18, Check from Rev. Thomas Wheeler		21 00
April 2, Check from J. N. Warfield....		50 00
April 2, Check from Treasurer.....		3,228 15
April 2, Cash, Collection from District.....		2,743 00
April 4, Cash, Annual Dues.....		106 50

\$8,505 25

1902.	<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Oct. 10, Checks to claimants	\$2,334	80
1903.		
April 7, Check to claimants.....	6,055	50
April 7, Check to Treasurer (Invest.).....	106	50
April 7, Expenses Cor. Sec'y.....	1	77
April 7, Expenses Steward.....	3	00

\$8,501 57

Balance	\$	3 68
Per cent. paid.....	101.7.	

W. H. LITSINGER, *Steward*.

REPORT Q.

Of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

No communication has been referred to your committee for consideration, but we recognize that no department of church work is of more importance than the Sunday school. Its object should be to entertain, educate and save. The children must be trained for the church or the ranks will be depleted. To accomplish this our Sunday schools must be made interesting and attractive. Children and young people are not zealous in behalf of church polity or denominationalism, but they are receptive and may be won by proper training and entertainment. They are seeking the church which loves them most and gives them opportunities for interesting culture. Superintendents and teachers should be men and women of piety and tact, selected with greatest care. Variety of method is one of the secrets of success in the Sunday school. We must study to win and to hold. This is a practical age and we should aim to be practical in the teaching and application of the International lessons. The salvation of the young people should be the paramount idea and aim.

We recommend that at least four special services be held in each school during the year, to be known as Decision days, when earnest efforts and appeals shall be made to win the children and young people to publicly profess Christ. To succeed in these services, preparation is required by public appeal, prayer and personal persuasion in the classes.

We recommend a more general circulation of our own Sunday school literature, papers and lesson helps which are specially adapted to all grades in our schools.

In view of the fact that the Easter service for Home Missions has been recognized by the General Conference with an endorsement, and has proven to be a prolific source of income to the Board and a means of educating our children and youth in the principles and needs of Home Missions; we urge upon pastors and superintendents of schools the duty as well as the propriety of observing this service.

We call also special attention to the annual children's day service for the instruction of our people upon the subject of Foreign Missions and the collection of funds to more efficiently and successfully send the gospel to the heathen and support our workers over the sea.

We solicit the prayers of the Church for the World's Fourth Sunday school Convention to be held in the Spring of 1904 in the city of Jerusalem, Palestine, and for God's special care of the delegates thereto, on their long ocean voyage. We are a part of the great Sunday school host of the world, a united army of the living God, composed of the companies and regiments of all branches of the Christian Church, and as such, hereby express our interest in this assembly, with all non-essentials laid aside, praying the world may soon realize the prophetic truth—"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ."

W. R. GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT R.**Of the Committee On Christian Endeavor.**

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee is gratified to report the societies of the District in good condition. While the report of the statistics for the year seem to indicate a decrease in several particulars, the officers of the Conference Union have information which affords a just basis for the assurance that the year has been one of satisfying progress. There are now 170 societies, with membership of 6,140 members. Money raised for all purposes, \$3,599 of which \$413 was raised for foreign missions. 116 conversions were reported during the year. These however, do not justly represent the spiritual activity of the society in this direction.

In all the regular revival work of the district the members of these societies have been among the most untiring and efficient helpers of the pastor and the church. The Conference, perhaps, has not yet come to an adequate appreciation of the mighty possibilities latent in this great host of young people, banded together in holy endeavor for "Christ and the Church." Over every one of these societies enlarged vision may see written in letters of flaming fire the word, "opportunity." How to seize this "opportunity" and make the most of it is one of the great problems of this Conference.

It is with great pleasure your committee report that the Convention held in February last at Clark Memorial Church, Baltimore, was the "best yet." The tide of spiritual enthusiasm and power seems to be rising at each succeeding Convention. As there seems to be some confusion as indicated in the reports from the pastors in this regard, your committee calls attention to the fact that there are four departments of membership recognized in the Y. P. S. C. E.—1 Junior, 2 Intermediate, 3 Y. P. S. C. E. 4 Senior. All these departments embrace a different class of membership and ought to be carefully distinguished in the reports made to this Conference.

At the request of the Executive Committee of the Conference Union, we recommend that the President of the Conference appoint annually, three ministers and three laymen who shall serve as members of that committee and who shall have full voice in the management of the affairs of the union, and that the President of the Conference shall also be a member of that body ex-officio. This arrangement is to take the place of the Advisory Committee provided for at the last session of the Conference.

The Conference Union has adopted as its special work for the year, a united effort to increase the interest in the literature of the church. This perhaps will take the direction of a special effort to increase the circulation of the "Methodist Protestant." We commend this effort to the careful attention of the members of this body and the Church at large.

The Denominational Convention will hold its sessions in May, within the bounds of this Conference, at North Carolina Ave. Methodist Protestant Church in Washington, D. C. We bespeak for this Convention the hearty co-operation of the pastors and societies throughout the Conference. There are still some

charges in this Conference that have no society. We urge that 'defunct' societies be resurrected and new ones formed where none have ever existed, so that no church shall be without this valuable auxiliary to its life and success.

We repeat the exhortation of previous committees that more earnest attention be given to the formation of junior societies, in order that the children of the church may be trained for service.

F. T. BENSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT S.

Of the Committee on Church Enterprises.

Your Committee on Church Enterprises respectfully report, that no papers have been referred to us, and we have therefore had nothing to consider.

A. D. MELVIN, *Chairman.*

REPORT T.

Of the Board of Finance.

The Board of Finance respectfully reports as follows:

We have examined the report of the Secretary of the Conference, with vouchers, and found it correct. We have also examined the report of the President, on the new parsonage, with vouchers, and found it correct.

We assess upon the District \$3,000 as "President's Salary" to be appropriated as follows: 75 per cent. of the amount raised to be paid to the President on his salary and travelling expenses, and 25 per cent. of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs on the property; and third, the balance on reduction, of the principal of the loan. We have apportioned the various assessments on the charges as ordered by the Conference.

J. M. SHERIDAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT U.

Of the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully submits the following report:

We desire to express our appreciation of the presence of Rev. J. A. Johnson, fraternal messenger, and Rev. Dr. George Schaffer, both of the Pittsburg Conference, and the pleasure afforded us by their cordial greetings.

We recommend that a messenger be appointed to bear our greetings to that Conference at its next session.

Having knowledge of the fact that the New York Conference appointed a representative to be with us at our present session, we also recommend that, in reciprocation, we appoint a messenger to that Conference at its next session.

Having considered the letters from the Clarke Memorial Methodist Church and the St. John's Independent Methodist Church, of Baltimore, requesting the loan of Revs. J. S. Bowers and F. T. Benson, to be the pastors of these churches respectively for the ensuing year, we recommend that their requests be granted.

We are gratified at the encouraging reports of Bro. Revelle's work in Seattle, Washington, and assure him of our sympathy and prayers for enlarging success, and recommend that the request of the Board of Home Missions for his services for another year be granted.

Through a letter to a member of the Committee, the Rev. John Mason, General Secretary of the Primitive Methodist Church, sends greetings to the Conference, and expresses hope of the organic union of our denomination and his own. We desire to reciprocate the spirit of this greeting, and to assure these brethren of our willingness to co-operate with them in all proper efforts to effect such union.

Whereas the pastor and members of this church and many friends in Pocomoke City have most cordially extended to us munificent hospitality and many courtesies, we desire to express to them our hearty appreciation and thanks, and to assure them that our sojourn with them has afforded us the greatest pleasure.

We are under obligations to the railroad and steamboat companies for reduced rates; to the Presbyterian Church, and to the Pocomoke City National Bank and the Citizen's National Bank, of this city, for the use of rooms; also to our Secretary and his assistants, and the Conference postmaster for their efficient services; for which courtesies and services we return most sincere thanks.

F. C. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

E. A. WARFIELD, *Secretary.*

REPORT V.

Of the Diamond Jubilee Committee.

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren:—At the last session of this Conference, a paper presented by Rev. S. W. Coe was referred to this committee as well as the entire subject of the proper celebration of the Diamond or Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Methodist Protestant Church. The action of this committee in reference to the above mentioned paper has been reported at some length in the columns of the "Methodist Protestant." We desire to express our great delight that there has been so large an interest manifested in the evangelical services held during the evenings of the ses-

sions of this Conference; for the blessed spiritual atmosphere which has environed us, for the helpful preaching of the gospel which has been heard from pulpit, platform, depot and street corner; for the large opportunity which has been improved to thank our Heavenly Father for the blessed guidance of His gracious Spirit through the years of toil and triumph which compass the history of the Zion we love so well. May we express the hope that throughout the entire year the enkindled zeal of the Church may abound and be fruitful in every department of the work of the Church.

The appeal which was made to the district in a resolution adopted at the last session of this Conference, urging all pastors and charges to faithfully endeavor to gather the entire amount of the assessments, was emphasized by this committee; and we think the increased amounts to the various interests of the church furnish just cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving to God.

We remember too with unspeakable gratitude to God that thousands of souls have been born into the Heavenly Kingdom through the faithful preaching of the glorious gospel during the past year, by the ministers of this Conference. May such blessed influence widen until the coming of the King.

The sermon of Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D. we regard as a mighty setting forth of the history and spirit of our church and believe that as it goes out upon its mission of demonstration and enlightenment it cannot fail to be a most helpful companion for and source of inspiration to every member and friend of representative Methodism.

The attention of the Conference has doubtless been called to the fact that June 28th, 1903, marks the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley the Founder of universal Methodism. This date falls upon the Sabbath. We are deeply impressed with the importance of a proper celebration of this event not only throughout the bounds of this Conference but in harmony with all branches of that great brotherhood of believers, known as Methodists, the world over.

We therefore recommend:

- 1, That a committee of three, be appointed by this Conference, to confer with similar committees from the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal Church South who in joint committee assembled shall take steps to formulate plans for a union of forces wherever practicable in the celebration of this important historical fact.

- 2, That the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Methodist Protestant Church be celebrated in all the charges of this Conference, June 28th, 1903, in connection with the "Wesley Day" of Methodism

- 3, That Rev. F. T. Tagg be authorized to publish in the "Methodist Protestant," the outline of a suitable program.

- 4, That all pastors be requested to preach suitable sermons upon that day in which not only the life and labors of John Wesley shall be set forth, but the principles and polity, the advances and triumphs of the Methodist Protestant Church.

5, That this Conference authorize the making of a suitable medal, as speedily as possible, after the rise of Conference, which shall have upon one of its sides the face of John Wesley and upon the reverse side such inscription as shall link the two events referred to above, said inscription to be decided upon by this committee.

6, That the medals shall be distributed among the various charges of this Conference and offered for sale at a price within the reach of the masses of our people, to be preserved by them as the official souvenir of this dual celebration, and that all profits arising from the sale of these medals be paid to the Treasurer of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund, to be used in the payment for the building of the Methodist Protestant Book Concern.

J. S. BOWERS, *Secretary.*

F. T. TAGG, *President.*

REPORT W.

Of the Committee to Prepare Suitable Resolution to the Memory of Mrs. Zollickoffer.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute respecting the death of Mrs. Mary J. Zollickoffer, respectfully submit the following:

We sorrowfully record the fact that the Methodist Protestant Church was bereaved of one of its most useful, estimable and beloved members when Mrs. Mary J. Zollickoffer, daughter of our late highly esteemed James B. Matthews and his excellent consort, and wife of Dr. Henry Fletcher Zollickoffer of precious memory, was called away.

Mrs. Zollickoffer, worthy of her parentage and her marital relation, was amiable, pious, benevolent, admired and beloved by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The ministers of this Conference, to whom she dispensed a graceful and generous hospitality, and in other well-remembered ways manifested the sincerity and warmth of her friendship, can never speak of her but in terms of admiration and affection. She was a devoted adherent of the church in which she was reared and in which she continued, until her labors and sufferings ended, she entered into the rest which remains for the people of God.

To any who may regard this minute as exceptional, it will be sufficient to say that Dr. Zollickoffer, husband of the deceased, was at one time in the service of this Conference as an itinerant preacher, that he was an ordained deacon, and was known throughout the denomination as one of our most intelligent, laborious and generous members.

In appreciation of the beautiful character of Mrs. Zollickoffer, and in the spirit of the rule which entitles the wives of ministers to a memorial in our Journal, we order this tribute to be recorded.

J. J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

REPORT X.**Of the Committee on Resolution Concerning Bribery at the Polls.**

Your committee on the resolution relating to bribery in elections, offered by C. M. Cullum and J. F. Bryan, recommend the adoption of said resolution, amended to read as follows:

Whereas, the report has been widely circulated, and by many persons believed, that the practice of buying and selling votes prevails to a large extent in portions of the territory embraced in the Maryland Conference, and

Whereas, such practice is demoralizing, degrading both the buyer and the seller, and strikes at the very foundation of American principles of liberty and the right of the majority to rule, and

Whereas, it is alleged that this pernicious practice is becoming more common, and even professors of religion are involved in it, therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Conference unites with all enlightened and patriotic citizens in condemning a practice so unbecoming and injurious, and it calls upon all voters, especially those embraced in Christian churches, and the Methodist Protestant Church in particular, to abstain from, discourage, and in all righteous ways to oppose the practice thus condemned; and further, while it expresses the hope that no member of the Methodist Protestant Church has justly incurred rebuke in the matter referred to, it admonishes all, that taking or offering bribes, under any circumstances, subjects the offender to arraignment for immorality and such righteous discipline as the Church in accordance with its declared principles may see fit to inflict.

J. J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

REPORT Y.**Of the Committee on the Communication from Millville Charge.**

Your special committee to consider the communication from Millville Charge, respecting Fenwick Island Camp, desire to report that the information we have concerning the subject is too indefinite for us to decide what is best to do, and, we, therefore, recommend that the matter be referred to a committee of three, of which the President shall be chairman, and that this committee be empowered to act in the premises.

A. D. MELVIN, *Chairman.*

REPORT Z.**Of Special Committee on Appointment of Evangelist.**

Your Committee have considered the resolution referred to them and have heard Rev. L. A. Bennett in reference to the Evangelistic work, and respectfully submit the following:

1, That in the judgment of the Committee Brother Bennett is needed at present in the pastoral work.

2, We are unable, upon this short notice, to suggest any financial plan by which he could be supported in the work.

3, We recommend the appointment of a Committee of three ministers and two laymen, to consider the advisability of employing an Evangelist, and if considered favorable to make recommendation for his employment and his financial support at the next annual Conference.

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J. L. MILLS, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution 1.

Memorial and Communion Service.

Resolved, The time for Memorial Service be Sunday, 3 p. m., when the Dead Roll shall be called, and at that time the Lord's Supper be celebrated.

A. W. MATHER.

Resolution 2.

On Official Character.

Resolved, That the recommendations in the Report of Committee on Official Character, adopted at the last Annual Session, be, and they are hereby, rescinded.

J. D. KINZER.

Resolution 3.

Publication of Dr. Lewis's Sermon.

WHEREAS, The Conference Sermon of T. H. Lewis has struck the key-note of our Diamond Jubilee, and

WHEREAS, It is a contribution to Methodist Historical Literature, and especially to Methodist Protestant Literature, well worthy the widest circulation, and

WHEREAS, Its preservation in permanent book form will prove of vital value to the children of our Church ; therefore

Resolved 1st, That Dr. Lewis be respectfully requested to consent to its publication by the Conference.

Resolved 2nd, That a committee of three be now appointed to consider the form of publication.

H. L. ELDERDICE.

Resolution 4.

Amendment to "Rules of Order": "Rule II.—Duties of Secretary."

Resolved, That he shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 5.

Elder's Credentials.

WHEREAS, Several ministers of this Conference have either not received or have lost their Elder's Credentials,

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of this Conference be, and hereby are, instructed to renew all such credentials.

W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 6.

Amendment of Rules.

Resolved, That Rule 30 in Manual be changed so that it shall read: When the pastor's reports are defective in any point, the pastor and delegate shall be summoned before the committee to explain, etc.

J. M. SHERIDAN.

Resolution 7.

Pastors' Reports.

Resolved, That every pastor's report, which shows that the assessments were not raised in full shall be considered defective.

A. W. MATHER.

Resolution 8.

Sunday Papers.

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully requests the publishers of daily papers, publishing the proceedings of this Conference, to publish Saturday's proceedings in Monday's edition.

J. H. S. EWELL.

Resolution 9.

Publication of Historical Record.

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication of Minutes be authorized and directed to publish the Historical Record of the Maryland Annual Conference prepared by Dr. T. H. Lewis, under separate cover, and they are authorized to borrow such amount of money as may be necessary to pay for same.

J. D. KINZER.

Resolution 10.

Home Missions Assessments.

Resolved, That the sum of \$2,000 be assessed on the District for General Home Missions. J. L. STRAYER.

Resolution 11.

Next Session.

Resolved, That the Conference session of 1904 be held on the first Wednesday in April. R. S. ROWE.

Resolution 12.

Reporting W. F. M. S. Contributions.

Resolved, That the Steward of Foreign Missions Fund is authorized to accept the figures on the Missions Envelope from W. F. M. S., as reported by the pastor, and not require a further voucher. W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 13.

Church Extension Deficit.

Resolved, That the Conference authorize the Steward for Church Extension to borrow the deficiency, \$805.70, at 5 per cent. so that the claim may be paid in full, as last year. W. R. GRAHAM.

Resolution 14.

Evangelistic Services.

Resolved, That the President of the Conference, J. M. Holmes, and J. W. Kirk, be appointed a Committee to consider the advisability of conducting evangelist services during the next Conference. B. W. KINDLEY.

Resolution 15.

Various Assessments for Ensuing Year.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be authorized to make the following assessments upon the District :

Conference Incidentals.....	\$ 450 00
Ministerial Education.....	600 00
Seminary.....	1800 00
General Home Missions.....	2000 00
Foreign Missions.....	3000 00
Superannuates.....	4000 00

F. C. KLEIN.

Resolution 16.

Our Church Home.

Resolved, That an additional question be placed on the Official Blank of Pastor's Report: "Have you had elected a lady visitor in each church on your charge for Our Church Home?"

W. R. GRAHAM.



CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Superannuated Fund Society.

POCOMOKE CITY, MD., April 3, 1903.

The Superannuated Fund Society met Friday morning at 11:45 o'clock, in Bethany Church, Second Vice-President J. L. Straughn in the chair. In the absence of the Secretary, Edgar T. Read was elected Secretary pro tem. The report of the Treasurer, Thomas A. Murray, was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected:—First Vice-President, J. L. Straughn; Second Vice-President, H. S. Johnson; Third Vice-President, F. H. Mullineaux; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, Edgar T. Read.

The following Board of Managers was elected:—E. J. Drinkhouse, F. T. Tagg, J. W. Kirk, T. O. Crouse, J. G. Clarke, T. A. Murray, J. B. Thomas, and Dr. E. B. Fenby. The Society then adjourned. E. T. READ, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR APRIL, 1902-1903.

Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Superannuated Fund Society.

Investment Account.

DR.

To balance as per last report.....	\$ 105 13
To amount received from Rev. W. H. Litsinger, Steward.....	109 25
To amount received legacy from Mrs. Sarah Ehlers.....	500 00
To amount received from sale of Primrose Property.....	200 00
To amount received from sale of securities.....	4,487 50
To amount received in payment McCreary mortgage.....	700 00

\$6,101 88

CR.

By amount loaned for purchase and repair of New Conference Parsonage as follows:—

Amount of purchase price.....	\$5,600 00
Taxes, and expenses of transfer, etc.....	69 55
Repairs.....	239 60

\$5,909 15

Balance in hand.....\$ 192 73

Distribution Account.

DR.

To amount received from Rev. W. H. Litsinger, Steward, for account of heirs of Rev. Jesse Shreeve, deceased....	\$ 220 50
To amount Conference Assessment received.....	760 00
To amount income received on investments.....	4,916 65
To amount interest received on deposits in Bank.....	41 83

\$5,938 98

CR.

By amount paid heirs of Rev. Jesse Shreeve.....	\$ 220 50
By 1903 taxes on securities paid.....	75 33
By rent safe deposit box paid.....	15 00
By amount paid account collections, etc.....	75 00
By amounts remitted to Rev. W. H. Litsinger, Steward, for distribution, viz:—	
June 23rd, 1902.....	25 00
October 8th, 1902.....	2,300 00
Check herewith for.....	3,228 15

\$5,938 98

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and find them correct as per above report, and the income from all the property and securities of the society fully accounted for; and we have also examined the securities of the society and find them all properly deposited in the box of the society at the Safe Deposit & Trust Company of Baltimore.

F. T. TAGG, }
T. O. Crouse. } *Auditing Committee.*

Church Extension Society.

The Church Extension Society met at 10:30 o'clock, J. M. Gill presiding.

The Treasurer's report was read by W. J. Neeper. Adopted.

The Board of Managers' report was read by W. J. Neeper. Adopted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, J. M. Gill; Vice-Presidents, J. W. Trout, J. L. Straughn; Secretary, F. A. Holland; Treasurer, T. H. Bartlett; Board of Managers, W. J. Neeper, J. S. Bowers, T. O. Crouse, F. H. Lewis, *Ministers.* W. T. Meginnis, T. A. Murray, T. H. Bartlett, J. W. Chapman, Jr., *Laymen.*

The meeting then adjourned.

F. A. HOLLAND, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1902.

Receipts.

April 11, From Rev. E. S. Fooks balance due bank account at the close of year 1902.....	\$144 30
June 1, From Rev. H. T. Wright	\$ 9 00
Sept. 10, From Rev. J. A. Wright.....	42 00
Nov. 12, From Rev. F. S. Cain.....	7 00
Dec. 2, From Rev. J. W. Balderston	35 00

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Jan. 3,	From Rev. J. E. Maloy.....	\$ 7 00
Feb. 12,	From Rev. E. C. Makosky.....	44 00
Feb. 20,	From Rev. J. M. Brown.....	20 00
March 10,	From Rev. W. H. Strayer.....	79 00
March 11,	From Rev. E. H. Jones.....	15 00
March 12,	From Rev. H. S. Lease.....	14 00
March 16,	From Rev. J. W. Kirk.....	91 00
March 16,	From Rev. F. H. Lewis.....	41 00
March 17,	From Rev. C. K. McCaslin.....	32 00
March 18,	From Rev. G. W. Haddaway.....	88 00
March 19,	From Rev. S. J. Smith.....	25 00
March 23,	From Rev. J. F. Bryan.....	26 00
March 23,	From Rev. L. F. Warner.....	79 00
March 24,	From Rev. B. W. Kindley.....	35 00
March 27,	From Rev. J. L. Straughn.....	20 00
March 30,	From Rev. E. P. Perry.....	26 00

Total from charges..... \$735 00

1902.

April 11,	From Rev. E. S. Fooks balance on appropriation to Keen Memorial M. P. Church.....	\$ 64 70
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Total..... \$799 70

1902.

April 2,	Interest on deposits.....	\$ 6 36
July 26,	Interest on loan Belair Circuit.....	5 00

Total..... \$11 36

1903.

March 25,	From Rev. J. W. Norris on account of purchase money for lot at Lauraville.....	\$61 00
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Disbursements.

1902.	To claims against Keen Memorial M. P. Church.	
May 19,	Dufur & Co.....	\$ 38 16
May 19,	F. W. Garrettson.....	12 38
May 21,	E. Scott Payne & Bro.....	5 40
May 19,	Estate of C. Y. Davidson.....	4 43
May 19,	E. L. Kaufman & Co.....	8 57
May 19,	J. M. R. Adams.....	1 69
May 19,	L. R. Robinson.....	25 35
May 19,	Judgment Northfield State Savings Bank, and cost....	106 35
May 19,	Estate of Edward J. Green, balance on note.....	60 00
May 20,	Hicks & Parsons.....	3 75
May 22,	Isaac McCurry & Son.....	75

Total..... \$266 83

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May 26,	To Rev. E. D. Stone, int. on Broadway Church debt..	\$ 84 75
Aug. 21,	To Rev. E. D. Stone, int. on Broadway Church debt..	81 82
Nov. 17,	To Rev. E. D. Stone, int. on Broadway Church debt..	81 25
1903.		
Feb. 10,	To Rev. E. D. Stone, int. on Broadway Church debt..	77 18
Total		\$325 00
Total disbursements.		\$591 83
Check to E. S. Fooks, Steward		\$207 87
		\$799 70
1902.	Bank Account, (Maryland Savings Bank).	
April 1,	To balance.....	\$241 79
April 1,	Interest on deposits.....	6 36
April 11,	Balance due bank account.....	144 30
July 26,	Interest on Belair Circuit loan.....	5 00
		\$397 45
1903.		
March 25,	For lot at Lauraville.....	61 00
Total.....		\$458 45

T. H. BARTLETT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

We have carefully looked after the business committed to our charge. Acting under the order of the Conference we borrowed \$837.31, at five per cent. interest. The interest amounts to \$41.86. We gave to the lender of this money an order on the Church Extension Steward for \$879.17, payable at this Conference. The amount of this loan \$837.31 was placed in the hands of Rev. E. S. Fooks, Steward, for distribution.

The last Conference appropriated to Keen Memorial Church, to be used under the direction of this Board, \$250.00. We have used this money to pay off numerous floating debts. We report that all the floating debts of past years have been paid. We also report that this church, under the efficient leadership of Rev. A. A. Bichell, has had a year of great prosperity. One hundred and ninety persons have professed conversion. One hundred and eight persons have united with the church. All interest money has been promptly paid, and one hundred and twenty-five dollars of the principal of the Old Town Bank note has been paid. The outlook for the coming year is hopeful.

If it should be the pleasure of the Conference to continue to appropriate money to help this needy church during the coming year, making it payable through this Board, as before, we think that the church will raise an amount equal to the appropriation, and that the money would be used towards lessening the debt on the ground of said church.

W. J. NEEPIER, *President*.

March 28th, 1903.

Minutes of the Mutual Relief Association.

The Mutual Relief Association met in annual session at Pocomoke City, April 4th, 1903. The President of the Conference in the chair. Secretary called the roll. Secretary-Treasurer read his report, which, on motion, was adopted. On motion the report was referred to an Auditing Committee, composed of G. M. Clayton, S. F. Cassan, and L. R. Randall.

The Auditing Committee reported the Secretary-Treasurer's report in good form and correct. The report was adopted.

A resolution was adopted that the Secretary cast the ballot for the following officers:—1st Vice-President, J. D. Kinzer; 2nd Vice President, J. L. Mills; 3rd Vice-President, S. W. Coe; Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. Weigand.

J. A. WEIGAND, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1903.

129 members paid fifth advance assessment.....	\$129 00
Expense of collecting.....	4 20
Paid Rev. J. M. Yingling.....	124 80
122 members paid sixth advance assessment.....	122 00
Expense of collecting.....	4 15
Paid Mrs. J. E. T. Ewell.....	117 85
123 members paid seventh advance assessment.....	123 00
Expense of collecting.....	4 20
Paid Mrs. B. F. Benson.....	118 80
117 members paid eighth advance assessment.....	117 00
Expense of collecting.....	4 05
Deposited in Union National Bank, Westminster, Md	112 95
Deposited in Westminster Savings Bank.....	53 01
Total collections for year.....	491 00
Total expenses for year.....	16 60
Paid Beneficiaries.....	361 45

3 members deceased, 2 lapsed during the year. Now on roll 131.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

OBITUARY.

Rev. John Edward Tyson Ewell.

Rev. John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D., was born in Accomac county, Va., September 13, 1834. He was converted at a campmeeting on Tangier Island in 1853. On the 14th of January, 1856, he was married to Miss Arinthia Russell; was received into the Maryland Annual Conference in 1859, after having served a few months as pastor of Williamsport Circuit, by arrangements with the President. His energy and zeal were employed on the following charges in the order in which they are here recorded.

Anne Arundel, Trough Creek, Cecil, Caroline, Choptank, Delaware, South Baltimore, Accomac, Patapsco, Ellicott City, Somerset, Newtown, Laurel, Delaware, South Baltimore, Accomac, Mariners, South Baltimore, Delmar, Waverly.

After an illness of three months, he closed his life on earth, in Waverly parsonage on the 7th of November, 1902.

Doctor Ewell will be long remembered by the Conference, especially the charges he served, because of what he was and what he did. His kindness of heart and tender sympathy secured him many friends who will cherish his memory. He gained a strong personal influence over many people, by his readiness to sacrifice ease and comfort for their moral and spiritual benefit.

As a preacher he was earnest, practical and forcible. His clear voice and ready utterance greatly assisted him in his very successful work. His preparation for the pulpit was conscientiously and carefully made. He knew what he wanted to say, and appreciating the dignity and responsibility of his ministry, his preaching was "in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power."

As a man of faith he believed in God, and believed God. In accepting the Bible as the word of God, he fearlessly preached, as he understood it, "all the counsel of God," and had no apology to make to those who felt afflicted by his plain presentation of the truth. He held the sword of the Spirit with a strong, firm and unyielding grip, and wielded it frequently with great power and success. Fully convinced that the Lord had called him into the ministry, and that loyalty to Christ required him to remain in the active work as long as his health permitted, he continued to preach until his physical strength was so completely exhausted that the eminent physician who carefully studied his case and prescribed for him, lost all hope of his recovery.

He believed in his Church, and loved it, and entertained the conviction that its distinctive principles were so important that a Methodist Protestant Church was needed everywhere, and he labored earnestly and constantly to effect such an organization whenever it was possible to do so. He never lost his zeal or enthusiasm, or hope for the denomination he served so faithfully and efficiently.

A member of the Committee has well said:—"Dr. Ewell was chiefly a man of deeds. He was a clear thinker, and an able and acceptable preacher, but he was a worker, who worked himself, and made others work with him. He was naturally a business man, quick to see a good opportunity and take advantage of it, and this talent he used for the Church. His voice is now silent in death, but his works follow him, and will follow him as long as the congregations he gathered, and the churches he built shall be used to promote the glory of God and the salvation of men. Many are now living who gave themselves to God under his ministry, and the Maryland district is richer in property and membership because he lived and died in the Maryland Conference."

From another member of the Committee the following has been received: "Dr. Ewell was a good man, and a faithful, true and useful minister of Jesus Christ. His name will not only be preserved among us in the beautiful memorial window which the Sunday school placed in our new Crisfield Church, but we will revere his memory for what he was, and what he did."

His remains were taken to Crisfield, and interred in the cemetery of that place. The funeral services were held in Mt. Pleasant Church, and were conducted by the Chairman of the Committee, assisted by Revs. D. W. Austine, W. S. Phillips and W. N. Sherwood, and Rev. S. N. Pilchard of the M. E. Church.

We commend to the Grace of our Lord the widow and children of our dear brother.

J. M. HOLMES,
W. S. HAMMOND,
A. D. MELVIN,
G. S. MCCREADY,
C. J. STOLL,
G. S. WHEELER,
Committee.

Rev. Benjamin Franklin Benson.

The public announcement of the death of this well-known and honored minister of the Gospel was a surprise and painful shock to thousands in the Conference District and in the State of Maryland. While it was known to his intimate friends that in recent years he had not been in good health, his robust appearance and cheerfulness, and the regularity and faithfulness of his work in the Seminary, disarmed our fears and inspired hope of continued activity and usefulness.

He passed to his reward, November 30, 1902. It was the Sabbath day. He had been to the Sunday school and the public worship in the morning as usual. When he returned home he greeted some of the students as they were passing his door, and invited them in to dine with him, as he loved to do. He entertained them with his accustomed cheerfulness and hospitality. Returning from the dining-room to the parlor, in a little while his breathing became difficult. The labor and pain quickly increased, and after a few agonizing struggles while sitting in his large chair his spirit was released. He departed "to be with Christ, which is far better."

Dr. Benson was the son of Reuben and Margaret A. Benson, and was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, June 6, 1835. When he was yet a small boy the family moved to Virginia. It was there he publicly owned Christ, when about 16 years old, and was received into the Church on old Prince William Circuit, under the pastorate of Rev. H. C. Cushing, D. D. In his young manhood he came back to his native county and taught school. He boarded for a while in the family of Rev. R. Scott Norris, then pastor of West Baltimore Circuit. He preached his first sermon for Brother Norris at Mount Gilead appointment. The quarterly Conference of this circuit, it is supposed, recommended him as a suitable person to be employed in the itinerancy, and he was received into the Maryland Annual Conference in March, 1856. The following were his Conference appointments in the order named: Union, Howard, Queen Anne, Talbot, South Baltimore, Queen Anne, East Baltimore, Warwick, Choptank, Alexandria, Talbot, Easton, Newtown, Somerset, Baltimore, Belair, Frederick, Western Maryland College, Warwick, Chesapeake, Seaford, Wye, Westminster Theological Seminary.

Through forty-six years he received his assignments of work from the annual Conference. Some of his appointments were not desirable fields of labor. Long rides, hard work and meagre support, the commonest lot of itinerant preachers, were sometimes his portion; but he was faithful to his early vows and covenant engagements. He was a broad-minded, thoughtful, charitable man, and in his magnanimity was slow to censure anyone else, but deplored the fact that he could not win larger visible results in his ministry of the Gospel.

On the 8th of March, 1860, he was married to Miss M. E. Thomas, the daughter of John B. Thomas, of Queen Anne county, Md. Seven children were given to them. Four died early in life and their bodies lie in the burying ground of the old Thomas farm in Queen Anne county.

Lida T., the only daughter living, is now the wife of Mr. E. J. Merrick, of Crumpton, Md. Rev. Frank T. Benson is a member of the Maryland Annual

Conference, and Howard, the youngest, a professor of music in Westminster, is with his mother in their now desolate home. Dr. Benson was a devoted husband and a wise and loving father, and rejoiced in the fact that his family were with him in the kingdom. His home has been a place of generous hospitality, where he and his wife have delighted to entertain their friends. He was taken out of the pastorate in 1883 and elected Vice-president of the College. This was a new and trying position to one whose thought and work had been all along other lines. He, however, quickly adapted himself to the situation. He worked in harmony with the President, Dr. Ward, and the Faculty of the Institution. By his diligence and efficiency in the class-room, and in matters of administration he won the respect and friendship of the students and his associates in the Faculty. He was a student until the end of his life, endeavoring to be thorough in his preparation for any work the Church gave him to do. His natural endowments were of a high order, and he was too conscientious to slight or neglect any work committed to his hands.

His final field of service was the Westminster Theological Seminary. As professor of Systematic and Practical Theology he crowned his Church career with more than five years of his most effective labors. He brought to his chair the soundness of a mature mind, the wealth of a varied experience in the pastorate and the power that is born of consistent Christian conduct. In the department of Systematic Theology he found his most congenial employment, not only because of his doctrinal orthodoxy, but also because of his peculiar mental habit. Even his physical environment bore witness of his loyalty to his creed—"a place for everything and everything in its place"—so all his intellectual activity was under the dominion of a system which was well nigh slavish in its devotion to details, demanding the shade of every thought, the weight of every argument and the analysis of every truth. He did not come to his conclusions with a rapid rush; step by step he felt his way, but when at last the end was reached, his feet were on the rock. This does not imply narrow dogmatism, for he was far from the bigot; his broad mind and liberal spirit welcomed the newest theology and patiently listened to the highest criticism of Biblical revelation; he was ready to accept any modern theory that could satisfy his reason, his Christian consciousness and his conception of the Word of God. He brought his classes fearlessly face to face with the advanced thinkers of the day yet held them rigidly to the Pauline rule: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." He was equally well-equipped in the department of Practical Theology, for to the standards of his text-books he could add the many lessons which he himself had learned during long years in the school of experience. Moreover, he possessed in a marked degree the teacher's supreme moral qualification, the power to teach by example. Even if the lecture-room had never echoed with his voice in exposition of the doctrines of his Church it would have been a liberal Christian training to his students simply to have sat in silence at his feet and felt the force of his godly life. All the men who graduated during his days in the Seminary bear witness to his character. One writes: "Dr. Benson was a good man." Another: "I loved that man. Having sat under his instruction two years in the Seminary, I learned to honor and revere him for his sterling worth and for his big-hearted-

ness. We all loved and respected him and knew him to be 'a friend indeed.' '' Another still pays this tender tribute. ''Sacred is the memory of our associations. Every day reveals to me more and more my indebtedness to him. Since leaving the Seminary I have learned to love and appreciate him even more than when I sat in his class-room. In my life it is true: 'He being dead, yet speaketh.' ''

Dr. Benson was a man of public spirit, deeply interested in all that concerned the welfare of the community and the State. He had strong convictions on the temperance question. His abilities and fund of knowledge of the moral and legal aspects of the subject, naturally made him a leader in all attempts at control or suppression of the liquor traffic. He will be gratefully remembered by every friend of temperance, especially in the counties of Worcester, Talbot and Harford, in Maryland. In the pastorate, his dignified and courteous deportment and his solicitude for the spiritual welfare of his people, especially for the young, will be remembered on every charge he served.

As a preacher he was careful and thorough in his preparation. He came to the pulpit with a message. He was earnest and faithful in its delivery, not hesitating to declare the whole counsel of God, as he understood it.

He received his degree of D. D. from Adrian College. It was a graceful thing on the part of our Western College; and an appropriate expression of the appreciation of his character and attainments by the Church.

Thus we have imperfectly sketched his life, as it was seen and known of men. His inner life—his real life—as it was known only to God and himself, he uncovers to us in part. He told his son, Frank, that when he was thirteen years old, after hearing a Gospel sermon, he was so overcome by a conviction of sin and unworthiness before God, he went alone into the woods and sought forgiveness and reconciliation with God. Though he did not then join the Church, this was, to him, the beginning of the life of God in his soul.

When, during his pastorate in Seaford, Del., he realized his physical condition, and the probability of sudden death, he wrote the following, and put it carefully away to be read by the family when he was gone:

1. I have an unwavering confidence in the truth and power of the Gospel of Christ. I have no fear of death; and I have a joyful and glorious hope, not in myself at all, but in the wonderful Grace of God in Christ Jesus my Lord. I can and do trust my soul with all the infinite concerns of immortality to God, my Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ His only Son, my Saviour. Amen!

2. I have no earthly goods, and, therefore, I make no will in the legal sense. My life has been given to the Church. The Church on her part has made an annual appropriation based on her supposed ability and the actual expense of living. I have not therefore been able to lay anything by for my family in the event of death. I commit therefore my dear wife to the care of the Church, to which my whole life has been devoted. This is all I can do for her.

3. I give glory to God that my household is in the kingdom. Everyone will meet me in heaven.

4. I leave my Oxford Bible, over which my soul has shouted a thousand times, to my greatly beloved daughter, Lida. Amen.

This reveals more clearly than anything the Committee could write, his attitude of mind and heart toward God and the future life. His faith in Christ was satisfying. At peace with God and with men he went steadily on with his work until the summons came. Faithful unto death he has received the crown of life.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Protestant Church in Westminster, and he was buried in the cemetery of the town. The students and faculties of the College and Seminary and a large number of the citizens testified their respect and love for him by their presence at the funeral services.

J. D. KINZER,
T. H. LEWIS,
H. L. ELDERDICE,
J. W. HERING,
J. H. DODD,
T. J. VEASEY,

January 27, 1903.

Committee.

Mrs. Ida Yingling.

Mrs. Ida Yingling, beloved wife of Rev. J. M. Yingling, of the Maryland Annual Conference, of the Methodist Protestant Church, the daughter of Samuel and Rachel Burns, late of Cecil county, Md., was born July 27, 1854, and died at New Church, Va., May 30, 1902. Sister Yingling was converted soon after her marriage, which took place July 22, 1873. Being a child of Methodist Protestant parents, and raised in a community where our Church is strong, its principles well understood and highly appreciated, it was natural that she should become an intelligent, loyal member of the Church. Through all of her trials she remained true until death. She had a high appreciation of her responsibilities and privileges as a pastor's wife. No woman ever tried harder to do her whole duty. Having an ardent desire to serve the Lord faithfully in her chosen position, she was abundant in labors, entering heartily into all of her husband's work, giving him wise counsel and efficient help in all his efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ. If the Church made an effort to raise money, her head, her hands, and her heart were always in it, counting no sacrifice too great to be made for the prosperity of the Church. When the time for revivals came she was always ready to take her part of the work, which was always an important part. She knew the joy of salvation, and loved above all things to lead penitent souls out of darkness into light. There are many now in the Church, and some in Heaven, who have ere this, given her a glad welcome, who were brought to the Saviour by her earnest persuasion. Notwithstanding the demands upon her as a mother of a large family of children, she found time to be often with her husband while engaged in his pastoral work, brightening many a home with her cheerful words and manners, showing careworn and toiling mothers like herself, that the Saviour's yoke is easy, and that true rest is to be found in the service of Christ.

Rev. J. M. Sheridan, a member of the Committee, says: "Sister Yingling was a woman of a force of character, which manifested itself in her Christian life to a marked degree. Speaking to me of our Annual Conference, she said she expected to be at the great Conference above before that time." As an affectionate Christian mother she tried hard to raise up her children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." She was anxious for their success in life, and endeavored to build up their character on true, Christian principles. Sister Yingling, like Brother Yingling, was given to hospitality. Hers was one of the homes that one always felt free to enter without invitation, being sure of a cordial welcome. Being kind-hearted, she made many friends, who showed their fondness for her by visiting her wherever she went. Until about two years ago she was the "picture of health;" but alas, a severe attack of la grippe, so impaired her health that it became apparent that her days were nearly numbered, and that consumption would soon do its deadly work. Everything possible was done to remove the disease, but it could not even be stayed. She gradually declined; seeing the inevitable, she accepted the result with both resignation and cheerfulness. Trusting in Him who loved her and gave himself for her, she was not afraid of the foe He had conquered. It was the privilege of the Chairman of this Committee to be entertained in that Christian home for three days, within less than a week of the time of her death. She was being nursed with tenderness, affection and faithfulness. This was evidently doing much to smoothen the rugged road that leads to the crossings of the mystic river. "My husband and children are doing everything for me," she repeatedly said, "and our kind neighbors too. We were never more pleasantly situated and never had a kinder people. I would like to live with them and continue to work for Jesus but He knows best. How can I be afraid to trust Him who died for me."

The faith that sustained her through all of life's trials, enabled her to triumph in death. On that bright May day when the roses were blooming at her door, and the birds were singing in the trees about the house, she neared the banks of the Jordan, and being tired, so tired of the struggle against disease, she peacefully went to sleep that she might be awakened into a more glorious life.

Sister Yingling lived an honest, earnest, successful Christian life. From the toils of earth she has gone to join that company of elect ladies of our Conference, who have done so much to make our Church all that it is to-day.

The whole Conference will join the Committee in the prayer, and hope that Brother Yingling and his four surviving children may share with her the riches of grace and glory.

A. D. MELVIN,
J. M. SHERIDAN,
G. R. MCCREADY,
C. A. BENJAMIN,
JOS. SCARBOROUGH,
Committee.

TABLES

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL.

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Charges.	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Seminary.		College.		Superannuates.		Church Exte'n.		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns.		Total.		Special for Missions.
	Asd	P'd	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	
Accomac.....	\$ 25	25	\$ 4	4	\$ 5	5	\$ 16	16	\$ 12	10	\$ 34	34	\$ 35	35	\$ 17	17	\$ 24	25	\$ 172	\$ 171	\$.....
Alexandria.....	25	25	3	3	4	4	12	22	20	20	25	25	26	26	12	12	18	18	145	155	49
Alnutt Memorial.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	21	51	89	90	91	91	44	44	63	63	437	471	262
Amelia.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	25	6	26	4	13	13	18	18	129	88	.....
Baltimore.....	22	22	4	3	5	5	14	14	12	12	30	30	32	20	15	10	22	17	156	133	25
Bedford.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	8	22	19	42	20	44	20	21	10	30	15	220	133	.....
Belair.....	30	30	5	3	6	3	20	16	13	4	42	30	44	30	21	10	30	10	211	136	49
Bethany.....	10	10	2	2	2	2	6	6	9	9	14	14	14	14	7	7	10	10	74	74	9
Broadway.....	25	25	3	3	5	5	16	16	13	13	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	172	172	15
Brooklyn.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	25	25	26	26	12	12	18	19	128	129	.....
Cambridge.....	30	30	5	4	6	5	20	16	16	22	42	35	44	36	21	17	30	25	214	190	19
Campbell.....	12	6	2	2	3	.....	8	.....	3	.....	17	.....	18	.....	9	4	12	.....	84	12	13
Caroline.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	34	20	35	20	17	17	24	10	173	130	21
Cecil.....	20	20	3	3	4	.....	12	12	10	.....	25	11	26	.....	13	13	18	18	131	77	.....
Central.....	22	22	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	7	25	25	26	26	13	13	18	18	126	130	50
Centreville.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	6	25	34	34	35	35	17	17	34	24	166	185	60
Chesapeake.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	10	10	30	30	32	32	15	15	22	22	159	159	24
Chestertown.....	60	60	8	8	12	12	36	36	17	35	77	77	79	79	38	38	54	54	381	399	68
Chincoteague.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	10	9	9	25	25	26	15	13	11	18	5	130	102	8
Christ Church.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	8	8	8	8	8	9	4	4	6	6	50	50	6
Clayton.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	11	11	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	171	171	10
Clinton Hill.....	12	12	2	2	3	5	8	8	12	12	17	17	18	18	9	9	12	12	93	95	20
Concord.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	14	14	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	174	174	6
Conquest.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	21	21	30	30	32	32	15	19	22	22	165	169	26
Crisfield.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	20	20	59	59	61	61	30	30	42	42	300	300	48
Crumpton.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	7	7	21	21	21	21	11	12	14	14	103	104	.....
Cumberland.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	8	8	30	30	32	32	15	15	22	22	152	152	18
Deer Creek.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	7	7	21	10	21	10	10	10	14	10	102	76	2
Deer Park.....	20	20	3	1	4	1	12	4	21	5	25	9	26	10	12	10	18	.....	141	60	15
Delmar.....	25	25	3	3	5	3	16	10	20	10	34	20	35	20	17	7	24	15	179	113	12
Delta.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	5	5	25	25	26	26	12	12	18	18	125	125	2
Denton.....	20	13	3	3	3	3	12	8	8	8	25	17	26	18	12	9	18	12	127	91	22
Dorchester.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	16	16	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	176	176	27
Dover.....	12	12	2	2	3	2	8	8	6	5	17	15	18	6	9	6	12	12	87	68	.....
East Baltimore.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	15	15	59	59	61	61	30	30	42	42	295	295	23	
Easton.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	10	10	59	59	61	66	30	30	42	42	290	235	39
Elizabeth.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	25	25	59	59	61	61	30	30	42	42	305	305	57	
Eutaw.....	22	22	3	3	5	5	14	14	5	5	30	30	32	32	15	15	22	22	148	148	.....
Evergreen.....	8	4	1	2	2	5	4	4	5	2	8	3	9	5	4	3	6	3	47	31	.....
Fairfax.....	12	12	2	2	2	2	6	6	12	12	14	14	14	14	7	7	10	10	79	79	40
Fairview.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Fawn Grove.....	25	25	4	4	5	3	16	10	24	17	34	25	35	25	17	12	24	18	134	139	46
Federalburg.....	2	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	2	8	8	9	9	4	4	6	6	38	39	10
Felton.....	22	22	4	2	5	2	14	14	6	2	32	12	32	14	15	5	22	.....	152	73	18
Finksburg.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	28	28	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	188	188	44
First Church.....	30	30	4	4	6	5	20	20	13	13	42	25	44	28	21	15	30	10	210	150	58

AND LOCAL INTERESTS.

Bible.	Tract.	Church Home.	Miscellaneous.	Total Gen. Interests.	Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun.-School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Total Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Charges.
					Ass'd	Paid.									
\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ 178	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 75	\$ 90	\$ 120	\$ 15	\$ 327	\$ 1227	\$ 1405	1405	1405	Accomac
1	1	5	211	600	600	200	240	209	98	512	214	1859	2284	2284	Alexandria
6	6	11	856	1200	1200	753	515	181	1558	563	2649	4068	4068	4068	Alnutt Memorial
1	1	1	90	558	558	66	20	1558	2292	2292	2292	2292	2292	2292	Amelia
1	1	3	163	500	500	150	75	50	200	977	1140	1140	1140	1140	Baltimore
1	1	1	186	600	600	610	61	76	391	1141	1307	1307	1307	1307	Bedford
1	1	10	3 198	700	700	150	250	40	100	450	45	1090	1933	1933	Belair
1	1	9	94	600	600	248	75	67	216	42	1206	1342	1342	1342	Bethany
1	1	5	194	600	643	240	259	118	65	1600	2925	3119	3119	3119	Broadway
1	1	5	186	500	590	150	183	50	25	988	1124	1124	1124	1124	Brooklyn
1	1	1	212	700	700	150	230	40	100	60	1220	1492	1492	1492	Cambridge
1	1	1	25	255	55	110	75	50	50	16	55	96	96	96	Campbell
1	1	3	155	550	610	50	110	75	50	50	895	1100	1100	1100	Caroline
1	1	7	77	500	450	1000	30	12000	677	677	677	677	677	677	Cecil
1	1	7	189	1390	1400	500	100	10000	30	12000	12219	12219	12219	12219	Central
14	1	5	263	700	700	200	224	125	136	280	1884	1880	1880	1880	Centreville
1	1	5	189	500	500	100	35	25	200	2	860	1051	1051	1051	Chesapeake
5	8	9	89	1000	1000	495	284	155	1779	2423	2423	2423	2423	2423	Chestertown
1	1	4	116	500	500	119	182	1135	212	54	869	1039	1039	1039	Chincoteague
1	1	5	56	500	534	120	88	80	306	1920	1975	1975	1975	1975	Christ Church
1	1	1	188	575	575	120	88	80	306	1169	1357	1357	1357	1357	Clayton
1	1	5	117	480	600	178	162	1000	73	1940	2130	2130	2130	2130	Clinton Hill
1	1	5	187	450	461	45	60	115	681	868	868	868	868	868	Concord
1	1	5	201	675	633	125	100	100	15	4	973	1178	1178	1178	Conquest
1	1	5	355	1000	1000	120	704	244	250	209	76	2527	2958	2958	Crisfield
1	1	2	107	350	350	100	50	250	30	35	780	922	922	922	Crumpton
1	1	3	175	600	600	180	270	75	200	1000	2325	2500	2500	2500	Cumberland
2	3	5	88	350	350	40	20	12	410	510	510	510	510	510	Deer Creek
1	1	1	78	375	375	75	75	75	172	772	850	850	850	850	Deer Park
1	1	3	129	700	700	175	200	175	190	80	20	1520	1669	1669	Delmar
1	1	1	130	500	500	150	93	45	60	295	53	1143	1326	1326	Delta
17	1	5	126	400	400	115	73	360	948	1083	1083	1083	1083	1083	Denton
1	1	5	210	650	650	62	56	279	129	1047	1387	1387	1387	1387	Dorchester
1	1	5	63	450	430	115	34	58	251	908	976	976	976	976	Dover
220	210	7	771	1000	1000	200	740	61	243	182	300	2426	3497	3497	East Baltimore
1	1	5	867	1200	1200	871	413	600	728	3084	4179	4179	4179	4179	Easton
1	1	5	148	500	500	75	50	25	29	650	827	827	827	827	Elizabeth
1	1	5	32	200	207	50	12	389	46	996	1168	1168	1168	1168	Evergreen
1	1	5	126	425	430	57	100	389	46	996	1168	1168	1168	1168	Fairfax
1	1	5	5	150	150	50	150	400	750	755	755	755	755	755	Fairview
1	1	5	185	600	600	115	55	35	10	805	990	990	990	990	Fawn Grove
1	1	5	54	300	325	33	118	25	1802	2361	2361	2361	2361	2361	Federalsburg
1	1	5	96	600	445	72	36	19	65	637	733	733	733	733	Felton
1	1	20	254	600	600	100	132	129	12	230	32	1203	1489	1489	Finksburg
1	1	5	213	700	700	450	415	185	1037	4397	110	7184	7507	7507	First Church

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Charges.	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Seminary.		College.		Superannuates.		Church Exte'n		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns.		Total.		Special for Missions.
	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	Asd	P'd	
Fox Hill.....	\$ 8	\$ 8	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 8	\$ 6	\$ 9	\$ 6	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 48	\$ 31	\$ 6
Franklin City.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	22	22	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	182	182	26
Frederick.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	19	19	30	30	32	32	15	15	22	18	163	159	54
Georgetown, D. C.....	60	60	9	9	13	13	40	40	10	10	86	86	88	88	43	43	60	60	409	409	183
Georgetown, Del.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	10	10	25	25	26	26	12	12	18	18	130	130	17
Georgetown Circuit..	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	3	3	17	17	4	18	5	8	2	12	4	91	38
Greenwood.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	13	4	30	15	32	20	15	3	22	22	157	105	.....
Grove.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	6	9	1	30	12	32	15	15	10	22	5	158	78	10
Hampden.....	40	40	4	4	8	8	24	24	26	4	51	51	53	53	26	26	36	36	268	246	126
Harbeson.....	10	10	3	1	2	2	6	5	10	10	14	12	14	10	7	7	10	7	76	64	2
Harper's Ferry.....	22	22	3	1	5	2	14	14	9	6	30	12	32	14	15	7	22	10	152	88	22
Harrington.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	14	14	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	174	174	.....
Heathsville.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	14	14	42	42	44	44	21	21	30	30	212	212	.....
Howard.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	14	8	30	30	32	30	15	8	22	9	158	130	24
Hurlock.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	14	14	17	17	18	18	8	8	12	12	94	94	19
Indian River.....	5	5	1	1	2	1	4	1	2	.....	2	2	9	1	4	.....	6	.....	41	10	.....
Jefferson.....	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	12	96	77	77	79	79	39	50	51	54	372	401	228
Keen Memorial.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	13	13	17	17	18	18	8	8	12	12	93	93	8
Kempton.....	30	30	4	4	6	6	18	18	39	39	40	40	42	42	20	20	28	28	227	227	80
Kennedyville.....	20	20	3	3	4	3	12	8	4	4	25	17	26	17	12	8	18	12	124	92	.....
Kent Island.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	7	7	30	30	32	32	15	15	20	20	149	149	21
Laurel.....	40	40	6	6	8	6	24	22	10	7	53	47	55	25	26	20	40	30	262	200	123
Lawsonia.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	8	9	9	4	4	6	6	48	48	5
Leeds.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	25	25	26	26	13	13	18	18	129	129	.....
Leipsic.....	10	10	2	2	2	1	6	6	5	4	14	11	14	10	7	5	10	7	70	56	.....
Lewistown.....	8	8	1	1	2	1	4	4	8	.....	8	2	9	2	4	1	6	3	50	22	5
Liberty.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	13	13	30	30	32	32	15	15	22	22	157	157	46
Lisbon.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	20	20	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	186	180	54
Lynchburg.....	25	25	3	3	5	4	16	16	6	6	34	25	35	30	17	12	24	.....	165	121	89
Mardela.....	12	12	2	2	3	2	8	8	14	2	17	4	18	4	9	3	12	4	95	34	28
Mariners.....	22	22	4	4	5	1	14	14	15	.....	30	1	32	1	15	1	22	.....	159	44	18
Marley.....	10	10	2	2	3	3	8	8	.....	8	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	10	.....
Middleway.....	12	7	2	.....	3	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	18	.....	8	.....	12	.....	80	7	.....
Millville.....	10	10	2	2	2	.....	6	6	4	.....	14	.....	14	9	7	.....	10	.....	65	25	.....
Milton.....	17	17	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	6	25	13	26	12	13	9	18	18	124	94	1
Mt. Nebo.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	7	7	21	21	21	21	11	11	14	14	103	103	.....
Mt. Tabor.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	6	6	30	30	32	32	15	15	22	22	150	150	60
Newark.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	40	40	11	11	86	86	88	88	43	43	60	60	415	415	90
New Market.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	21	21	42	42	44	44	21	21	30	30	219	219	58
Nichols Memorial....	12	12	2	1	3	1	8	5	7	.....	17	5	18	6	8	2	12	8	87	34	10
North Baltimore.....	25	25	3	3	6	6	17	17	6	6	38	38	41	41	19	19	27	27	182	182	119
North Carolina Ave..	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	10	13	30	30	32	32	15	23	22	22	154	167	87
Oak Grove.....	20	20	3	2	4	3	12	10	4	4	25	18	26	20	13	10	18	18	125	105	15
Oxford.....	25	25	4	3	5	4	16	13	8	5	34	27	35	22	17	10	24	15	168	124	18
Parksley.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	13	13	25	25	26	26	13	13	18	18	134	134	40
Patapsco.....	8	1	2	4	5	8	9	4	6	47

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					Ass'd	Paid.									
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1	1	5		57	325	325	60	10	31	75	30	11	581	579	Fox Hill
1	1	13		215	600	560	80	130	150	225	7	25	1152	1392	Franklin City
1	1	13		228	500	500	100	155	76	32		3	1156	1387	Frederick
3	2	14	25	586	1200	1200	400	1095	179	240		40	3114	3740	Georgetown, D. C.
1	1	5		154	600	600	96	105	75	35		288	911	1353	Georgetown, Del.
				38	180	180		28			50		265	303	Georgetown Circuit
		1		107	600	600	75	50	50	1500		30	2275	2412	Greenwood
1	1	2		92	450	400		40	60	50			550	642	Grove
1	1	11		385	800	800		647	208	55		40	1710	2135	Hampden
1	1	1		69	400	400		56	30	33	35	85	554	708	Harbeson
1	1	6		118	483	483	48	120	40	10	19	6	720	844	Harper's Ferry
1		2		177	700	700	75	150	160	171			1256	1433	Harrington
1	1	5		219	736	736	100	56	21	2275	35	22	3223	3464	Heathsville
1	1	5		160	500	500		25	14				539	699	Howard
1	1	1		116	460	460		100	75	41	100	20	776	912	Hurlock
		1		11	60	60						13	60	84	Indian River
1	1	25		657	800	800	240	222	90	109		227	1461	2345	Jefferson
1	1	1		104	550	550		204	66	202	248	53	1270	1427	Keen Memorial
1	1	5		314	830	830	72	150	125	2345	300	22	3822	4158	Kemptown
1	1	5		99	500	500		60	20	145	350		1075	1174	Kennedyville
1	1	5		177	500	500	100	81	25	288		2	994	1173	Kent Island
4	1	5		333	800	800	135	100	70	125		57	1230	1620	Laurel
		5		58	300	300		183	29	123	100		737	795	Lawsonia
				129	500	500	100	163	33	165	156	78	1117	1324	Leeds
				56	250	250		37	16	57			360	416	Leipsic
				27	150	112			25	36			173	200	Lewistown
1	1	5		210	500	500		129	75	115		71	819	1100	Liberty
1	1	6		242	600	600	75	125	30				830	1072	Lisbon
1	1			212	800	800		500	75		500	55	1875	2142	Lynchburg
		1		63	425	381		30	45	61	181		699	762	Mardela
				62	700	337	150	50	35				572	634	Mariners
				39	300	335		75	50	40		100	500	639	Marley
				7										7	Middleway
				25	300	250			36		25	44	320	389	Millville
2		5		102	500	500	75	64	41	131		16	810	928	Milton
		1		104	400	400	72	84	58	96	85	6	795	905	Mt. Nebo
		10		220	500	500		217	101		158	35	976	1231	Mt. Tabor
3	3	5	5	521	1200	1200	500	1343	358			361	3401	4283	Newark
1	1	11		285	700	700	96	296	151	115	104	16	1462	1763	New Market
				44	400	398		12	19		11	8	440	492	Nichols Memorial
1	1	5		308	1000	1000		702	98	2350	497	345	4647	5300	North Baltimore
		5	26	285	900	900		335	139	61	826	300	2261	2846	North Carolina Ave.
		2		122	325	325	60	32	52	50	26	52	545	719	Oak Grove
2	1	5		150	550	550	150	75	81			32	871	1053	Oxford
1	1	5		181	550	565	84	100	81	180	165		1175	1356	Parksley
					100	85		24		60			169	169	Patapsco

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	Asd P'd		Ass'd Paid		Ass'd Paid.		Asd P'd		Asd P'd		Asd P'd		Asd P'd		Asd P'd		Asd P'd		Asd P'd											
	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12										
Payson Street	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	12	\$	17	\$	18	\$	6	\$	8	\$	2	\$	12	\$	4	\$	87	\$	58	\$	75
Pipe Creek	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	10	10	34	34	35	35	17	17	21	21	24	24	170	170	75							
Pittsville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	12	12	25	25	26	26	13	13	18	18	133	133	.....								
Pocomoke City.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	11	11	59	59	61	61	30	30	42	42	291	291	38									
Pocomoke Circuit...	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	7	7	17	17	18	18	9	9	12	12	88	88	2									
Potomac	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	25	25	26	26	13	13	18	18	129	129	18									
Powellville.....	15	15	2	1	2	2	10	10	4	3	21	16	21	16	11	9	14	12	100	84	15									
Prince George.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	8	4	9	5	4	2	6	3	46	29	.....								
Quantico.....	15	15	3	2	2	1	10	10	10	1	21	5	21	15	10	3	14	10	106	62	.....								
Queen Anne.....	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	8	19	21	21	21	21	10	10	14	14	104	115	101									
Reliance	15	15	3	3	2	2	10	10	14	14	21	21	21	21	11	11	14	14	111	111	25									
Rowlandville.....	15	12	2	2	2	2	10	8	6	2	4	5	21	7	10	5	14	5	84	48	.....								
Salisbury	25	25	4	3	5	5	16	16	13	6	34	26	35	30	17	15	34	30	183	156	25									
Salem	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	4	4	21	18	22	15	11	8	14	5	101	79	10									
Seaford	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	12	12	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	172	172	35									
Snow Hill.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	34	34	35	35	17	17	24	24	173	173	11									
South Baltimore	25	25	3	3	5	5	16	16	10	10	34	24	35	25	17	12	24	24	169	144	5									
Starr	65	65	9	9	13	13	40	40	11	11	86	86	88	88	43	43	60	60	415	415	12									
Stewartstown	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	11	11	30	30	32	32	15	15	22	22	155	155	38									
St. James.....	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	6	6	42	42	44	44	21	21	30	30	204	204	34									
St. John's (Canton)...	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	13	13	17	17	18	18	8	8	12	12	93	93	15									
St. Luke's.....	30	30	3	3	5	5	16	5	16	5	34	5	35	22	17	10	24	10	182	92	.....								
St. Michaels.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	7	7	25	25	26	26	13	13	18	18	128	128	15									
Susquehanna	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	9	9	42	42	44	44	21	21	30	30	207	207	69									
Sussex.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	20	12	34	30	35	21	17	15	24	5	180	133	91									
Talbot	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	8	8	17	17	18	8	9	9	12	12	89	79	.....								
Trinity	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	13	13	42	42	44	44	21	21	30	30	211	211	40									
Union	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	14	14	42	42	44	44	21	21	30	30	212	212	70									
Union Bridge	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	9	9	25	25	26	26	13	13	18	18	130	130	27									
Violetsville.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	7	8	8	9	9	4	4	6	6	49	49	5									
Waltersville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	17	17	25	25	26	26	13	13	18	18	138	138	20									
Warwick	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	25	25	26	26	13	13	18	15	129	126	13									
Waverly.....	12	6	2	1	2	4	6	6	7	1	14	1	14	1	7	5	10	6	74	31	.....								
West Baltimore.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	40	40	28	28	86	86	88	88	43	43	60	60	432	432	433									
Westminster	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	9	35	76	76	79	79	39	39	54	54	368	394	28									
West Wilmington.....	10	10	2	2	2	2	6	6	12	12	14	14	14	14	7	7	10	10	77	77	6									
Wilmington.....	25	25	4	3	5	4	16	12	8	6	34	24	35	26	17	12	24	17	168	129	14									
Williamsport.....	12	12	2	2	2	2	6	6	7	2	14	5	14	4	7	4	10	...	74	37	9									
Wye	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	8	8	17	17	18	18	9	9	12	12	89	89	22									
Clark Memorial.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	5	.....	70	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	180	.....								
St. John's (Mad'n Av.) .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	286	.....								

Mrs. T. A. Reese contributed \$200 and General Richard Thomas \$20 of the amount credited to Easton for Bible.

Mrs. T. A. Reese contributed \$200 and General Richard Thomas \$10 of the amount credited to Easton for Tract.

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Ass'd	Paid.													
\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 42	\$ 468	\$ 372	\$ 252	\$ 43	\$ 80	\$ 10	\$ 676	\$ 718			Payson Street
1	1	10	257	550	550	78	30	80	10	738	1005			Pipe Creek
		5	138	600	600	50	60	1400	38	2218	2356			Pittsville
1	1	7	338	900	900	150	240	95	2245	3630	3968			Pocomoke City
		2	92	320	356	82	29	90		501	599			Pocomoke Circuit
1	1	2	139	450	451	51	65	575		1140	1279			Potomac
			100	400	415	35	22	407	40	919	1019			Powellville
			29	100	85	15	12	50		162	191			Prince George
		1	61	300	300	6	25	295		626	700			Quantico
		9	226	450	450	95	76	132	25	788	1044			Queen Anne
1	1	5	143	425	435	55	84	138		712	865			Reliance
		3	52	200	201	25	20			245	297			Rowlandville
1	1		183	800	800	295	140	6000		7235	7428			Salisbury
		4	95	400	400	25	15	104		544	639			Salem
5	1	2	215	700	700	125	251	54	1035	43	2165	2423		Seaford
1	1	12	198	700	700	136	50	1000	5500	7386	7581			Snow Hill
		5	154	700	700	240	482	121	250	1056	1115			South Baltimore
1	1	10	439	1200	1200	240	1000	150	800	25	2890	3351		Starr
1	1	10	205	600	600	171	140	1400		2315	2520			Stewartstown
1	1	10	255	650	650	125	142	52	6186	52	7155	7462		St. James
1	1	1	111	400	400	136	125	22	273	25	956	1093		St. John's (Canton)
		2	94	900	900	579	202	619	250	33	2550	2678		St. Luke's
1	1	10	155	450	500	150	80	58		93	788	1036		St. Michaels
1	1	17	295	600	600	24	134	92	2580	12	3480	3787		Susquehanna
1	1	3	229	600	561	182	88	35	60		921	1150		Sussex
			79	350	350	40	20	350		20	760	859		Talbot
		5	256	850	851	276	72	73	32	49	1303	1603		Trinity
1	1	3	287	700	700	75	80	35	60		950	1237		Union
2	2	6	167	500	500	150	240	97	416		1403	1573		Union Bridge
1	1	2	58	275	275	67	103			22	445	525		Violetsville
1	1	5	164	600	600	75	125	50	750	17	1600	1781		Waltersville
1	1	3	144	500	500	60	93	28	200	16	99	1140		Warwick
		1	32	500	304	144	40	25			513	544		Waverly
4	4	12	885	1200	1200	1600	884		75	164	3759	4808		West Baltimore
1	1	12	436	1000	1000	240	350	108	113	86	1811	2333		Westminster
			83	500	500	125	63	223	20	69	931	1083		West Wilmington
1	1	1	146	800	800	450	70	25	25	130	1370	1646		Wilmington
			46	175	181		20	53			254	300		Williamsport
		5	117	300	308	28	47	200		30	583	730		Wye
40	21		336							50		386		Clark Memorial
1	12	5	391									391		St. John's (Mad'n Av.)

Mrs. T. A. Reese contributed \$200 to the Maryland Sunday School Union and \$100 to the Baltimore City Church Extension Society. Credited to Easton as miscellaneous.

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CHARGES.	Unsta. Min. and Preachers.		Probationers.					Full Memb's		Sunday Schools		Y. P. S. C. E.				Conversions.							
	Probationers.	Full Numbers	At last Conference.	Received	Ejected to Membership.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Received	Withdrawn	Discontinued.	Deceased	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.		Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised.
Accomac.....	2	216	2	2	20				23	1	3	227			190						1		20
Alexandria.....	4	224	24	17					7	8	1	2	135		63	375		6	1	70	11		22
Alnutt Memorial.....	9	497	8	4	41				59	430	8	135			50	390		79		53	18		47
Amelia.....	1	200							18	323					35	175				21			40
Baltimore.....	1	3	22	4	2	12			20	27	3	320			15	15		7	1	9	8		8
Bedford.....		315							5	4	5	67			22	357					5		6
Belair.....	7	261	11						2			2	430			22		6			4		
Bethany.....	20	115	27		2				2			115			3	190		3		60	128		10
Broadway.....		144	15		10	1			10	2	1	129			25	300		1		30	1		18
Brooklyn.....	1	8	14		1				4		2	330			26	15		1			20		1
Cambridge.....	1	241	1		3				3		4	338			20	30					2	7	2
Campbell.....	1	171	5	1					1		1	210			35	75							17
Caroline.....		151							16		1	450			2	224		8			6		10
Cecil.....		254	32						6			3	18		17	1	5			5			
Central, Washington.....	24	9		4					35	2	5	122			200	22	1	3		30	1		40
Centreville.....	1	168	3						31		1	114			13	133		6		31	10		17
Chesapeake.....	6	12	5						2	1	1	225			175		2						
Chestertown.....	20	221	1	2					3		3	135			270		9			50	315		40
Chincoteague.....		119	4		1				11	2	3	121			10	129					1		13
Christ Church, Baltimore.....	1	119							4		1	116			6	150					2		11
Clayton.....	2	145	57		11				11	2	16	335			35	21				30			1
Clinton Hill.....	8	8	11	1	1				41	1	1	121			3	256		3		39	15		11
Concord.....	1	281	13	3	13				45	1	2	330			150	2	4			12	5		49
Conquest.....		285							5		2	461			365								4
Crisfield.....	3	277	81						6	7		4	132		51	353		9		90	12		5
Crumpton.....		105	7	1	10				17			1	2	4	10	6	1	11			6		19
Cumberland.....	1	20	4	1	3				9			122			47	188		1		50	36		19
Deer Creek.....	2	14	5	2	3				3	1	36				220	10	130		3		3		25
Deer Park.....	1	238	31						4			450			23		4			20	32		2
Delmar.....	1	23	10	2	20				31	7	19	230			40	350		5			15		45
Delta.....		14	3		9				13			114			2	100		1		37	1		23
Denton.....		102							25		1	121			139	1	2			60	2		75
Dorchester.....	2	300	14						1		2	455			10	260					19		18
Dover.....	4	7	12		4				5	17	2	112			4	65							2
East Baltimore.....	13	18	12		2	1			5		2	119			38	185		1	2		6		
Easton.....		22			7				12			124			3	156		4			5		7
Elizabeth.....	56	22	32	2	2				13	8	1	148			4	44		8			20		28
Eutaw.....		8	1		1				3		2	1	9		12	8		2		35	1		
Evergreen.....	3	42	1									112				72					2		
Fairfax.....	1	210		1	11				14	6	9	430			228	2	6			8	14		11
Fairview.....	1	37		2	10				16			115			10	1	1				4		35
Fawn Grove.....		271							1	2	3	336			15	460		2	11		15		4
Federsburg.....	5	61							5			118			114	114		2		20	1		9
Felton.....	1	7	25	4					14	8	4	428			30	160					9		8
Finksburg.....	7	34	7	1	14				15	11	7	447			2	465		4	15	20	21		16
First Church, Washington.....	29	16	14	1	3				29	1	8	2	128		87	371		4		105	235		25

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				Received.	Elected to Membership	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.										Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.
Fox Hill	1	68						2	5	118		100	1	50			2									
Franklin City	1	236	20	24	24	13	27	8	60	18	467	44	377	1	20			16								
Frederick	5	167		42	87		40	1	2	1	457	27	276	1	32			64								
Georgetown, D. C.	3	276	8	27	27		20	6	9	1	24	5	165	1	98	1	42	27								
Georgetown, Del.	231	163	48	8	1	25	5	3	3	1	123	35	188	1	35	1	35	18								
Georgetown Circuit	115	122	30	20	5		6	129			113		65					27								
Greenwood		278	1				55	21	2	4	45	40	299	1	36	1	36	4								
Grove	1	180	8	14	14	4	18		2	4	40	10	157					22								
Hampden	327	435	14	21	2		14	427	6	139	59	466	1	30	1	50		7								
Harbeson	8	197	13	12	17		20		4	50	15	209	1	12	1	18	5	23								
Harper's Ferry	1	98	4				7	1	1	2	20	10	150	1	23			12								
Harrington	43	256	48	14	17	2	5	2	3	30	209	2	54	1	35	1	8	13								
Heathsville	112	318	37	9		34	12		2	4	37		245	2	35			28								
Howard	34	185	12	35			1	1	1	4	21		148					9								
Hurlock	28	183	2	39	13		17	3		1	40	40	250	2	70			35								
Indian River	2	6	12	12	12		12			1	6		45					11								
Jefferson		205					23	1	1	20		203	1	60				9								
Keen Memorial	35	107		109	51	10	60	10	12	2	1	8	72	172	1	46		190								
Kempstown	220	581		34	14		20	4	7	8	66	21	569	1	16			50								
Kennedyville		123	1	1	3		5	10	2	1	110	3	55					4								
Kent Island	18	116	31	1	6	8	6		2	2	13	6	115	1	15			21								
Laurel	5	57	26	5			17	1	3	121	15	180	1	40	1	54		6								
Lawsonia	12	50	5	32	28		26	1	12	1	1	9	104	1	30			45								
Leeds	9	184	9	3	2	1	3	6		1	2	15	140	1	52			2								
Leipsic	16	54	15	10				11	1	1	7		54					2								
Lewistown	1	116		5	4		4		1	2	19	7	157	3	87			12								
Liberty	6	205	13	14	8		8	4		1	46	56	264	1	33			9								
Lisbon		282		16	16		16	623	25	4	40		200	1	20			35								
Lynchburg		129					7	7		1	17	5	80					6								
Mardela		172	23	4		18	5	1	2	4	15	2	264	1	26			7								
Mariners	6	259	6				2				32		266													
Marley	21	71	24	11	2	15	8	11		3	26	25	105					20								
Middleway		98				1	1		1																	
Millville	115	84	3	15			1		1	2	14		58					15								
Milton	25	147	16	16	2	4	5	222	1	121			71	1	27	1	45	210								
Mt. Nebo	25	111	8	21	2	4	8	235		218	15	135	2	85				23								
Mt. Tabor	1	107	1				12	1	3	121	18	89	1	34	2	28	1	15								
Newark	310	268	5	8	3		11	6		2	31	14	186	2	63	1	47	214								
New Market	9	255		10	1		1	8	5	4	35		358	3	90	2	28	116								
Nichols' Memorial	2	93	26				1	1	1	3	20	5	113					2								
North Baltimore	111	197	5	12	5	1	25	3		1	16	10	107	1	24	1	26	11								
North Carolina Avenue	1	170		10	6		48	4	5	1	17	63	161	1	35	1	35	214								
Oak Grovel	1	152	2	2			5	3	1	11		1	72					60								
Oxford		115					4	5	1	128	32	150	1	61	1	2		13								
Parkley	5	186	6	6	5	1	11	2	1	4	30	12	230		1	38		2								
Patapsco	1	35	5	8	6		6											12								

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		Probationers.	At last Conference.				Received	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Received	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.				Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.
			Received	Ejected to Membership.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.																
Accomac.....	2	216	2	2	20	23	8	3	227	190	63	37	6	1	70	11	22	1	1	20		
Alexandria	4	22	24	17	1	7	8	1	135	63	37	6	1	70	11	22	1	1	22			
Alnutt Memorial	9	49	8	4	41	59	430	8	135	50	390	79	53	18	47	1	1	1	47			
Amelia.....	1	20	8	4	12	18	323	41	35	17	1	1	21	1	40	1	1	1	40			
Baltimore	1	3	22	4	2	20	2	3	32	15	15	1	9	1	8	1	1	1	8			
Bedford.....	1	315	1	1	1	5	4	5	67	22	357	6	1	1	6	1	1	1	6			
Belair.....	1	26	1	1	1	2	1	2	430	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Bethany	20	115	27	2	1	22	1	1	111	31	190	3	1	1	60	128	10	1	10			
Broadway	1	144	15	10	1	10	2	1	129	25	30	1	1	1	30	1	18	1	18			
Brooklyn	1	8	14	1	1	4	1	2	330	26	15	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1			
Cambridge.....	1	241	1	3	1	3	1	4	338	20	30	1	1	1	2	7	2	1	2			
Campbell	1	17	5	1	1	1	1	1	210	35	75	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	17			
Caroline	1	15	1	1	1	16	1	1	450	2	224	1	8	1	6	10	1	1	10			
Cecil	1	25	32	1	1	6	1	1	318	17	1	5	1	1	5	1	1	1	1			
Central, Washington	24	9	4	1	1	35	1	5	122	200	22	1	3	1	30	1	40	1	40			
Centreville.....	1	168	3	1	1	31	1	1	114	13	133	6	1	1	31	1	17	1	17			
Chesapeake.....	5	6	12	5	1	2	1	1	225	175	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	1			
Chestertown	20	221	1	2	1	3	1	3	138	270	1	9	1	1	50	318	40	1	40			
Chincoteague.....	1	119	4	1	1	11	2	3	121	10	129	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	13			
Christ Church, Baltimore.....	1	119	1	1	1	4	1	1	116	6	150	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1			
Clayton.....	2	145	57	11	2	11	16	1	355	35	21	1	1	1	30	1	1	1	1			
Clinton Hill	8	8	11	1	1	41	1	1	121	3	256	1	3	1	39	15	11	1	11			
Concord	1	28	13	3	13	45	1	2	330	150	2	4	1	1	12	5	49	1	49			
Conquest	1	285	1	1	1	5	1	2	461	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	4			
Crisfield	3	27	81	1	1	6	7	4	132	51	353	1	9	1	90	12	5	1	5			
Crumpton.....	1	105	7	1	10	17	1	1	214	10	6	1	14	1	6	19	1	1	19			
Cumberland	1	20	4	1	3	9	1	1	122	47	188	1	4	1	50	36	19	1	19			
Deer Creek.....	2	14	5	2	3	3	1	36	220	1	130	1	3	1	3	25	1	1	25			
Deer Park.....	1	238	31	1	1	4	1	1	450	23	1	4	1	1	20	32	2	1	2			
Delmar	1	23	10	2	20	31	7	19	230	40	350	1	5	1	15	45	1	1	45			
Delta	1	14	3	9	1	13	1	1	114	2	100	1	2	1	37	1	23	1	23			
Denton	1	102	1	1	1	25	1	1	121	139	1	2	1	1	60	2	75	1	75			
Dorchester.....	2	30	14	1	1	1	1	2	455	10	260	1	1	1	19	18	1	1	1			
Dover	4	7	12	4	1	5	17	2	112	4	65	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2			
East Baltimore.....	13	18	12	2	3	5	1	2	119	38	185	1	2	1	6	1	1	1	1			
Easton	1	22	1	1	1	12	1	1	124	8	156	1	4	1	5	7	1	1	7			
Elizabeth.....	56	22	32	2	2	13	10	8	1	148	40	44	1	8	1	20	28	1	28			
Eutaw	1	8	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	9	12	8	1	2	35	1	7	1	7			
Evergreen	3	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	112	72	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Fairfax	1	21	1	1	1	14	6	9	436	228	2	6	1	1	81	11	1	1	11			
Fairview.....	1	37	2	10	1	16	1	1	115	10	1	1	1	1	4	35	1	1	35			
Fawn Grove	1	27	1	1	1	1	2	3	336	15	46	2	11	1	15	2	4	1	4			
Federalburg	5	61	1	1	1	1	1	1	118	114	114	1	2	1	20	1	9	1	9			
Felton	1	7	25	4	1	14	8	4	428	30	160	1	1	1	9	8	1	1	8			
Finksburg	1	34	7	1	14	15	11	7	447	2	46	4	15	1	20	21	16	1	16			
First Church, Washington.....	29	16	14	1	3	29	1	8	2	128	87	371	1	4	105	235	25	1	25			

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Fox Hill	1	63						2	5		118		100	1	50				2	
Franklin City	1	7	236	20	24	24	13	27	8	60	18	467	44	377	1	20				16
Frederick	5	167		42	37		40	1	2	1	457	27	276	1	32			37	64	27
Georgetown, D. C.	3	276		27	27		29	6	9	124	5	165	1	98	1	42	3	14	64	67
Georgetown, Del.	281	163	48	8	1	25	6	3	3	1	123	35	188	1	35	1	35	132	18	18
Georgetown Circuit	115	122	30	20	5		6	129		113		65							27	
Greenwood		278	1				55	21	2	415	40	299	1	36	1	36	2	19	4	
Grove	1	180	14	14	14	4	18		2	40	10	157							22	
Hampden	827	437	14	21	2		14	427	6	139	59	466	1	30	1	50		7	16	
Harbeson	8	197	13	12	17		20		4	50	15	209	1	12	1	13	5	23	23	
Harper's Ferry	1	9	1				7	1	1	220	10	150	1	23			12	5		
Harrington	43	256	48	14	17	2	20	5	1	3	233	30	200	2	54	1	35	1	13	
Heathsville	112	318	37	9		34	12		2	437		245	2	35					28	
Howard	34	185	12	35			1	1	1	4	221		148					9	35	
Hurlock	28	183	2	39	13		17	3		1	440	40	250	2	70			4	14	53
Indian River	2	6	12	12	12		12			1	6		45					1	11	2
Jefferson		205					23	1	1	230		203	1	60				9	17	
Keen Memorial	35	107		109	51	10	60	10	12	2	1	8	72	172	1	46		233	190	
Kempton	220	581		34	14		20	4	7	7	66	21	569	1	16			4	50	
Kennedyville		123	1	1	3		5	10	2	1	110	3	55					5	4	
Kent Island	18	116	31	1	6	8	6		2	213	6	115	1	15				21	5	
Laurel	5	57	26	5			17	1	3	121	15	180	1	40	1	50		6	6	
Lawsonia	12	80	5	32	28		26	1	12	1	9		104	1	30			111	45	
Leeds	9	184	9	3	2	1	3	6		1	215		140	1	52			217	2	
Leipsic	16	54	15	10				11	1	7		54						2	9	
Lewistown	1	116		5	4		4		1	219	7	157	3	87				2	12	
Liberty	6	203	13	14	8		8	4	1	446	56	264	1	33				5	9	
Lisbon		282		16	16		16	623	25	40		200	1	20				35	12	
Lynchburg		129					7	7		117	5	80						3	6	
Mardela		172	23	4		18	5	1	2	415	12	264	1	26				7		
Mariners	6	259	6				2			132		260								
Marley	20	7	24	11	2	15	8	11		3	26	25	105					2	20	
Middleway		98				1	1	1	1											
Millville	115	84	3	15			1	1	1	214		58							15	
Milton	25	147	16	16	2	4	5	222	1	124		71	1	27	1	45		210	23	
Mt. Nebo	25	111	8	21	2	4	8	238		218	15	135	2	85				614	23	
Mt. Tabor	1	107	1				12	1	3	121	18	89	1	34	2	28	1	5	12	
Newark	310	268	5	8	3		11	6	2	131	14	186	2	63	1	47		214	6	
New Market	9	255		10	1		1	8	5	435		358	3	90	2	28	116	18		
Nichols' Memorial	2	93	26				1	1	1	320	5	113						2		
North Baltimore	111	197	5	12	5	1	25	3	1	116	10	107	1	24	1	26		11		
North Carolina Avenue	1	170		10	6		48	4	5	1	117	63	161	1	35	1	35	214	60	
Oak Grovel	1	152	2	2			8	3	1	11		72						3	4	
Oxford		115					4	3	1	128	32	150	1	61	1	22		13		
Parksley	5	186	6	5	5	1	11	2	1	230	12	230				1	38		2	11
Patapsco	1	35	5	8	6		6											12		

MEMBERSHIP.

CHARGES.	Unsta. Min. and Preachers. Probationers.	Full Members. At last Conference.	Probationers.				Full Memb's.			Sunday School.		Y. P. S. C. E.				
			Received.	Elected to Membership.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Received.	Withdrawn.	Discontinued.	Officers and Teachers.	New Scholars.	Scholars on Roll.	Societies.	Members.	Junior Societies.	Members.
Payson Street.....	69	12					4	1	11	12	123	1	15	1	35	7
Pipe Creek.....	187						19	2	2	165	1	58				1
Pittsville.....	319	10	15	5	10		10	2	4	10	225					3
Pocomoke City.....	312	30	30	21	7		41	4		13	16	211	1	35		7
Pocomoke Circuit.....	110	130	8	6	1	2	2	5	2	12		76				1
Potomac.....	2	127	10	11			10	7	3	2	12	125	1	45		12
Powellville.....	2	133					6	3	1	100						3
Prince George.....	85		10	10			10	5	2	12	9	60				7
Quantico.....	15	156	18	1			2			105						1
Queen Anne.....	1	15	5	18	21		12	15	2	20	4	130	2	73		12
Reliance.....	26	213	26	15	1		4	2	1	13	13	230	1	35		18
Rowlandville.....		49					8			8	125					2
Salisbury.....	59	260	3	60	8		11	3	6	128	65	260	1	40		3
Salem.....	4	126		10	6		6	1	1	14	5	62	1	35	1	22
Seaford.....	11	260	30	11	30		33	11	3	121	32	277	1	70	1	51
Snow Hill.....	1	308	4				2	4	2	25	50	200				15
South Baltimore.....	131	147	31				26	3	1	122		182				14
Starr.....	19	228		19			10	8	1	25	42	219	1	55	1	31
Stewartstown.....	1	231	9	4	5	4	5	4	1	2	30	197	2	18	1	20
St. James.....	15	227	11	21	17		9		1	226	5	100	2	37		2
St. Johns (Canton).....	227	65	37	24	8	25	8	2	12	3	41	202	1	37	1	98
St. Lukes.....	1	145		8	8		8		1	131	2	302	1	63	1	25
St. Michaels.....	1	141	15	3	14		18		1	222	14	137	2	43	2	40
Susquehanna.....	1	237	14	2	15		18		5	328		152	2	59		1
Sussex.....	1	344	2	12	10		14	11	1	2	469	30	353			3
Talbot.....		99		36	36		38	5	2	324	17	160	1	18	1	14
Trinity.....	116	210	17	10	5	6	9	2	1	219		192	1	30	1	52
Union.....	125	283	27	4	6		6		4	438	10	250				10
Union Bridge.....		139	1	2	3		31	3	1	2	230	15	168	1	90	
Violetsville.....	8	51	4	8	4		10	2		119	40	140	1	44	1	52
Waltersville.....	18	159	26	3		5	1	8	9	236		303	2	30	2	50
Warwick.....	4	141	4				1	7	3	321	14	120	1	60	1	23
Waverly.....	115	46	15	12	4	7	2	426	1	120	15	136				7
West Baltimore.....	340	429	54	17	4	27	23	7	22	7	140	30	479	1	51	1
Westminster.....	2	272		30	30		45	2	6	3	124	29	148	1	51	1
Williamsport.....	1	97	7	1	1		3	8	2	218	2	130				
Wilmington.....	4	268	12	10	10		28	10	19	7	115	15	100			6
West Wilmington.....	12	61	30	4	6	1	8	116	9	122	30	235	1	25	1	34
Wye.....	1	78		15	15		16	8		21	10	119	1	25	1	15

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CHARGES.	PROPERTY.								ASSESSMENTS 1903-04.									
	Appointments.	Churches.	Parsonage.	Value of Church Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Property.	Church Papers Taken.	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education.	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.
Accomac	2	2	1	\$ 600	\$600	1500	\$ 810	18	\$ 25	\$155	\$ 16	\$ 10	\$ 34	\$ 35	\$ 17	\$ 24	\$170	
Alexandria.....	1	1	1	17000	2300	2155	7000	16	29	3	3	12	18	26	26	13	18	139
Alnutt Memorial.....	1	1	1	4800	6000	.....	14800	22	65	9	13	42	21	89	91	41	63	437
Amelia.....	4	4	4	3000	.....	.....	.....	12	20	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129
Baltimore	3	3	1	4000	1500	.....	4500	8	22	4	5	14	12	30	32	15	22	156
Bedford	6	6	1	10000	1000	1000	324	29	30	5	6	20	22	42	44	21	30	220
Belair	4	4	1	17030	5000	600	10750	20	30	5	6	20	13	42	41	21	30	211
Bethany	1	1	1	4600	.....	516	3000	2	10	3	2	6	9	14	14	7	10	75
Broadway	1	1	1	40000	3000	4900	8500	12	25	4	5	16	13	34	35	17	24	173
Brooklyn.....	2	2	2	11500	3000	.....	4750	16	20	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129
Cambridge	3	3	1	6000	2000	900	6500	22	30	5	6	20	16	42	44	21	30	214
Campbell	5	5	5	3750	.....	.....	.....	7	12	2	3	8	3	17	18	9	11	84
Caroline.....	4	4	1	6000	1200	.....	1000	12	25	4	5	16	13	34	35	17	24	173
Cecil.....	3	3	1	8000	2000	.....	10000	.....	20	3	4	12	10	25	26	13	18	131
Central.....	1	1	1	50000	.....	.....	14000	15	45	6	9	28	3	59	61	30	42	283
Centreville	1	1	1	13500	2500	500	6500	24	20	3	4	12	6	25	26	13	18	127
Chesapeake	2	2	1	5000	2000	.....	3885	25	25	4	5	16	10	34	35	17	24	170
Chestertown.....	1	1	1	30000	5000	.....	16600	36	60	8	12	36	17	77	79	38	54	381
Chincoteague	1	1	1	2000	1000	.....	1500	3	20	3	4	12	9	25	26	13	18	130
Christ Church	1	1	1	2200	.....	1200	.....	11	8	1	2	4	8	8	9	4	6	50
Clayton.....	3	3	1	5000	1700	.....	5200	16	25	4	5	16	11	34	35	17	24	171
Clinton Hill	1	1	1	7000	.....	1000	1000	4	12	2	3	8	12	17	18	9	12	93
Concord	3	3	1	4700	600	.....	2600	24	25	4	5	16	14	34	35	17	24	174
Conquest.....	4	4	1	8000	2000	500	6100	22	22	4	5	14	21	30	32	15	22	165
Crisfield	1	1	1	29000	2000	3400	7000	19	45	6	9	28	20	59	61	30	42	300
Crumpton	2	2	1	3500	600	.....	2500	3	15	2	2	10	7	21	21	11	14	103
Cumberland.....	1	1	1	12000	250	2590	5000	18	24	4	5	14	3	30	32	15	22	152
Deer Creek.....	2	2	1	5700	1500	.....	5100	10	15	2	2	10	7	21	21	11	14	103
Deer Park	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	5500	4	20	3	4	12	21	25	26	13	18	142
Delmar.....	1	2	1	5000	1835	.....	5000	15	25	4	5	16	20	34	35	17	24	180
Delta	1	1	1	4500	2500	280	2900	8	21	3	4	12	5	25	26	13	18	126
Denton	1	1	1	5000	2000	390	4650	8	15	2	2	10	7	21	21	11	14	103
Dorchester	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	6000	41	25	4	5	16	16	34	35	17	24	176
Dover	1	1	1	6000	.....	549	2175	4	10	3	2	6	6	14	14	7	10	72
East Baltimore	1	1	1	22000	1200	500	6000	29	47	6	9	28	15	59	61	30	42	295
Easton	1	1	1	15000	2000	.....	9000	35	45	6	9	28	11	59	61	30	42	290
Elizabeth.....	1	1	1	16300	.....	1000	15500	15	47	6	9	25	25	59	61	30	42	305
Eutaw	1	1	1	2000	2000	.....	3500	17	22	4	5	14	5	30	32	15	22	149
Evergreen.....	1	1	1	1650	.....	.....	1400	.....	8	1	2	4	5	8	9	4	6	47
Fairfax	4	4	1	5000	.....	.....	4000	11	12	2	3	8	12	17	18	9	12	93
Fawn Grove.....	3	3	1	6000	800	.....	4000	13	25	4	5	16	21	34	35	17	24	184
Fairview	1	1	1	1800	.....	50	1000	.....	8	1	2	4	3	8	9	4	6	45
Federalburg	1	1	1	5000	2000	1300	4200	5	5	1	2	4	2	8	9	4	6	41
Felton	5	5	5	6000	150	100	1000	12	22	4	5	14	6	30	32	15	22	150
Finksburg	4	4	1	18000	2000	1352	10200	38	25	4	5	16	28	34	35	17	24	188
First Church	1	1	1	20000	5000	3500	10000	9	25	4	5	16	13	34	35	17	24	173

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Fox Hill.....	1	1	1	\$ 1500	\$800	\$500	\$ 1500	7	\$ 8	\$132	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 8	\$ 9	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 48	
Franklin City.....	4	4	1	7000	1000	200	1800	21	25	4	5	16	22	34	35	17	24	182
Frederick.....	4	4	1	5500	1500		4200	20	22	4	5	14	19	30	32	15	22	163
Georgetown, D. C.....	1	1	1	20000	5000		8600	38	60	9	13	40	10	86	88	48	60	409
Georgetown, Del.....	1	1		3500	300		1500	8	20	3	4	12	10	25	26	13	18	131
Georgetown Circuit.....	3	3		3200		36	2100	3	12	2	3	8	11	17	18	9	2	92
Greenwood.....	4	4	1	6500	1500		4700	11	22	4	5	14	13	30	32	15	22	157
Grove.....	4	4	1	6500	500			12	22	4	5	14	9	30	32	15	22	153
Hampden.....	1	1	1	16000	1500		12000	14	40	6	8	24	26	58	55	26	40	278
Harbeson.....	3	3	1	3400	1000	31	500	3	10	3	2	6	10	14	14	7	10	76
Harper's Ferry.....	2	2	1	6000	500	170	2600	4	20	3	4	12	9	25	26	13	18	130
Harrington.....	2	2	1	4500	1675	57	4000	20	25	4	5	16	14	34	35	17	24	174
Heathsville.....	4	4	1	8000	1500		500	37	30	5	6	20	14	42	44	21	30	212
Howard.....	4	3	1	7000	2000		8750	15	22	4	5	14	14	30	32	15	22	158
Hollywood.....									5	1	2	4	2	8	9	4	6	41
Hurlock.....	4	4	1	4500	1200	600	3600	10	12	2	3	8	14	17	18	9	12	95
Indian River.....	1	1		700					5	1	2	4	2	8	9	4	6	41
Jefferson.....	2	2	1	21000	4000		14000	25	55	8	12	36	12	77	79	39	54	372
Keen Memorial.....	1	1		8000		3518	4000		12	2	3	8	13	17	18	9	12	94
Kempton.....	8	8	1	10600	1000	300	8100	25	20	3	4	12	39	25	26	13	18	160
Kennedyville.....	1	1	1	4750	1500		2700	17	20	3	4	12	4	25	26	13	18	125
Kent Island.....	2	2	1	7000	1500		1400	19	22	4	5	14	7	30	32	15	22	151
Laurel.....	1	1	1	5000	2000		5000	15	40	6	8	24	10	53	55	26	40	262
Lawsonia.....	1	1		3000		600	2000		8	1	2	4	6	8	9	4	6	48
Leeds.....	2	2	1	6500	1700	96	7700	10	20	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129
Leipsic.....	1	1		3000			1500	3	10	3	2	6	5	14	14	7	10	71
Lewistown.....	3	3		2500			935		8	1	2	4	8	8	9	4	6	50
Liberty.....	4	4	1	9000	1200		5850	28	20	3	4	12	13	25	26	13	18	134
Lisbon.....	4	4	1	6000	1500		5100	30	25	4	5	16	10	34	35	17	24	170
Lynchburg.....	1	1		20000		1000	4000	9	25	4	5	16	6	34	35	17	24	166
Mardela.....	4	4	1	5500	725	278	1600	3	12	2	3	8	14	17	18	9	12	95
Mariners.....	1	1	1	6000	1500		5000	4	22	4	5	14	15	30	32	15	22	159
Marley.....	3	2		3000			1000	5	6	1	2	4	2	8	9	4	6	42
Middleway.....	4	3	1	2000	550	150	1200		12	2	3	8	2	17	18	9	12	83
Millville.....	2	2		2400		214	1400	1	10	3	2	6	4	14	14	7	10	70
Milton.....	1	1	1	1600	1000		800	9	17	3	4	12	6	25	26	13	18	124
Montgomery.....									10	3	2	6	15	14	14	7	10	81
Mt. Nebo.....	2	2	1	4600	1800	900	5300	2	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
Mt. Tabor.....	1	1		8000			4900	5	22	4	5	14	6	30	32	15	22	150
Newark.....	1	1	1	35000	7000		18000	16	65	9	13	42	11	89	91	44	63	427
New Market.....	4	4	1	13000	2300	400	9100	26	30	5	6	20	21	42	44	21	30	219
Nichols Memorial.....	3	3		3650			2100	2	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
North Baltimore.....	1	1	1	13000	2500		9000	31	25	4	5	16	6	34	35	17	24	166
North Carolina Avenue.....	1	1		4000		9500	15000	22	22	4	5	14	10	30	32	15	22	154
Oak Grove.....	1	1	1	1500	700		1500	15	23	3	4	12	4	27	28	13	18	125
Oxford.....	1	1	1	3000	2500		3300	8	25	4	5	16	8	34	35	17	24	168

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Parksley.....	2	2	\$ 5400	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 1800	7	\$ 20	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 12	\$ 13	\$ 25	\$ 26	\$ 13	\$ 18	\$ 134	
Patapsco	1	1	1000	8	1	2	4	5	8	9	4	6	47	
Payson Street.....	1	1	1500	.....	50	1500	2	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
Pipe Creek.....	2	2	10000	4000	.....	11150	20	25	4	5	16	10	34	35	17	24	170
Pittsville.....	4	4	8000	875	300	1200	18	20	3	4	12	12	25	26	13	18	133	
Pocomoke City.....	2	2	11000	3500	.....	7760	25	45	6	9	28	11	59	61	30	42	291
Pocomoke Circuit.....	2	3	1200	1100	.....	500	9	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
Potomac.....	3	2	6000	1000	200	6000	9	20	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129	
Powellville.....	4	4	3650	1150	148	900	7	15	2	2	10	4	21	21	11	14	100	
Prince George.....	2	2	1600	.....	.....	.....	3	8	1	2	4	4	8	9	4	6	46
Quantico.....	5	5	3800	500	.....	400	2	15	2	2	10	10	21	21	11	14	106
Queen Anne.....	2	2	2400	1000	.....	2800	22	15	2	2	10	8	21	21	11	14	104
Reliance.....	3	3	500	1000	.....	2600	6	15	2	2	10	14	21	21	11	14	110
Rowlandville.....	2	2	4000	1000	.....	3800	3	15	2	2	10	6	21	21	11	14	102
Salisbury	1	1	10000	2000	1600	9200	20	25	4	5	16	18	34	35	17	24	173	
Salem	1	1	4000	1200	.....	3800	10	15	2	2	10	4	21	21	11	14	100
Seaford.....	1	1	10000	1500	225	6900	11	25	4	5	16	12	34	35	17	24	172	
Snow Hill.....	3	4	20000	3000	8000	9000	20	25	4	5	16	13	34	35	17	24	173	
South Baltimore.....	1	1	21000	2000	300	2500	18	25	4	5	16	10	34	35	17	24	170	
Starr.....	1	1	37000	3000	.....	15000	22	65	9	13	42	11	89	91	44	63	427
Stewartstown.....	2	2	6500	400	.....	4242	15	22	4	5	14	11	30	32	15	22	155
St. James.....	1	2	10000	2000	1000	9174	23	30	5	6	20	6	42	44	21	30	204	
St. Johns (Canton).....	1	1	1800	.....	273	2200	4	10	3	2	6	3	14	14	7	10	69
St. Lukes.....	1	1	15000	5000	4121	4000	4	30	5	6	20	16	42	44	21	30	214	
St. Michaels.....	2	2	3500	1500	.....	3100	23	20	3	4	12	7	25	26	13	18	128
Susquehanna.....	3	3	6500	4200	1800	8100	31	30	5	6	20	9	42	44	21	30	207	
Sussex.....	4	4	4800	2000	400	6600	22	25	4	5	16	20	34	35	17	24	180	
Talbot.....	3	3	4000	.....	200	1000	12	12	2	3	8	8	17	18	9	12	89
Trinity.....	2	2	9000	1000	94	9000	20	30	5	6	20	13	42	44	21	30	211	
Union.....	4	4	5000	1000	.....	2300	28	30	5	6	20	14	42	44	21	30	212
Union Bridge.....	2	2	9000	2000	700	4925	21	20	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129	
Violetsville.....	1	1	750	.....	.....	600	1	1	1	2	4	7	8	9	4	6	49
Waltersville.....	2	2	4500	1600	.....	3900	25	20	3	4	12	17	25	26	13	18	138
Warwick.....	3	3	3400	1000	.....	.....	17	25	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129
Waverly	1	1	2500	1500	.....	8700	1	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
West Baltimore.....	1	1	36000	1500	.....	16800	35	65	9	13	42	28	89	91	44	63	444
Westminster.....	1	1	25500	4000	.....	17300	12	55	8	12	36	9	77	79	39	54	369
Williamsport.....	3	3	1500	.....	.....	700	8	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
Wilmington.....	1	1	8500	.....	3300	4000	15	20	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129
West Wilmington.....	1	1	4000	1800	1600	4	10	3	2	6	12	14	14	7	10	78	
Wye.....	2	1	1000	2000	4000	14	12	2	3	8	8	17	18	9	12	89	

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Fox Hill.....	1	1	1	\$ 1500	\$800	\$500	\$ 1500	7	\$ 8	\$1	\$2	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 8	\$ 9	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 48
Franklin City	4	4	1	7000	1000	200	1800	21	25	4	5	16	22	34	35	17	24	182
Frederick	4	4	1	5500	1500		4200	20	60	4	5	14	19	30	32	15	22	163
Georgetown, D. C.	1	1	1	20000	5000		8600	38	22	9	13	40	10	86	88	48	60	409
Georgetown, Del.	1	1	1	3500	300		1500	8	20	3	4	12	10	25	26	13	18	131
Georgetown Circuit.....	3	3		\$200		36	2100	3	12	2	3	8	11	17	18	9	2	92
Greenwood.....	4	4	1	6500	1500		4700	11	22	4	5	14	13	30	32	15	22	157
Grove.....	4	4	1	6500	500			12	22	4	5	14	9	30	32	15	22	153
Hampden	1	1	1	16000	1500		12000	14	40	6	8	24	26	58	55	26	40	278
Harbeson.....	3	3	1	3400	1000	31	500	3	10	3	2	6	10	14	14	7	10	76
Harper's Ferry.....	2	2	1	6000	500	170	2600	4	20	3	4	12	9	25	26	13	18	130
Harrington.....	2	2	1	4500	1675	57	4000	20	25	4	5	16	14	34	35	17	24	174
Heathsville.....	1	1	1	8000	1500		500	37	30	5	6	20	14	42	44	21	30	212
Howard	4	3½	1	7000	2000		8750	15	22	4	5	14	14	30	32	15	22	158
Hollywood.....									5	1	2	4	2	8	9	4	6	41
Hnrlock.....	4	4	1	4500	1200	600	3600	10	12	2	3	8	14	17	18	9	12	95
Indian River	1	1		700					5	1	2	4	2	8	9	4	6	41
Jefferson	2	2	1	21000	1000		14000	25	15	8	12	36	12	77	79	39	54	372
Keen Memorial.....	1	1		8000		3513	4000		12	2	3	8	13	17	18	9	12	94
Kempton.....	8	8	1	10600	1000	300	8100	25	20	3	4	12	39	25	26	13	18	160
Kennedyville.....	1	1	1	4750	1500		2700	17	20	3	4	12	4	25	26	13	18	125
Kent Island	2	2	1	7000	1500		1400	19	22	4	5	14	7	30	32	15	22	151
Laurel.....	1	1	1	5000	2000		5000	15	40	6	8	24	10	53	55	26	40	262
Lawsonia	1	1		3000		600	2000		8	1	2	4	6	8	9	4	6	48
Leeds.....	2	2	1	6500	1700	96	7700	10	20	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129
Leipsic	1	1		3000			1500	3	10	3	2	6	5	14	14	7	10	71
Lewistown	3	3		2500			935		8	1	2	4	8	8	9	4	6	50
Liberty	4	4	1	9000	1200		5850	28	20	3	4	12	13	25	26	13	18	134
Lisbon.....	4	4	1	6000	1500		5100	30	25	4	5	16	10	34	35	17	24	170
Lynchburg	1	1		20000		1000	4000	9	25	4	5	16	6	34	35	17	24	166
Mardela	4	4	1	5500	725	278	1600	3	12	2	3	8	14	17	18	9	12	95
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1500		5000	4	22	4	5	14	15	30	32	15	22	159
Marley	3	2		3000			1000	5	6	1	2	4	2	8	9	4	6	42
Middleway	4	3	1	2000	550	150	1200		12	2	3	8	2	17	18	9	12	83
Millville.....	2	2		2400		214	1400	1	10	3	2	6	4	14	14	7	10	70
Milton.....	1	1	1	1600	1000		800	9	17	3	4	12	6	25	26	13	18	124
Montgomery									10	3	2	6	15	14	14	7	10	81
Mt. Nebo.....	2	2	1	4600	1800	900	5300	2	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
Mt. Tabor	1	1		8000			4900	5	22	4	5	14	6	30	32	15	22	150
Newark	1	1	1	35000	7000		18000	16	65	9	13	42	11	89	91	44	63	427
New Market.....	4	4	1	13000	2300	400	9100	26	30	5	6	20	21	42	44	21	30	219
Nichols Memorial.....	3	3		3650			2100	2	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
North Baltimore	1	1	1	13000	2500		9000	31	25	4	5	16	6	34	35	17	24	166
North Carolina Avenue ..	1	1		40000		9500	15000	22	22	4	5	14	10	30	32	15	22	154
Oak Grove.....	1	1	1	1500	700		1500	15	20	3	4	12	4	25	26	13	18	125
Oxford	1	1	1	8000	2500		3300	8	25	4	5	16	8	34	35	17	24	168

PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENTS.

CHARGES.	PROPERTY.								ASSESSMENTS 1903-04.									
	Appointments. Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Pro- perty.	Value of Parsonage Property	Debt on Church and Parsonage.	Insurance on Church and Parsonage Pro- perty.	Church Papers Taken.	President.	Conference.	Ministerial Education	Seminary.	College.	Superannuates.	Church Extension.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total.	
Parksley.....	2	2	\$ 5400	.....	.....	\$ 1800	7	\$ 20	\$3	\$4	\$ 12	\$ 13	\$ 25	\$ 26	\$ 13	\$ 18	\$184
Patapsco	1	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	1	2	4	5	8	9	4	6	47
Payson Street.....	1	1	1500	.....	50	1500	2	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
Pipe Creek	2	2	10000	4000	.....	11150	20	25	4	5	16	10	34	35	17	24	170
Pittsville.....	4	4	8000	875	300	1200	18	20	3	4	12	12	25	26	13	18	183	
Pocomoke City.....	2	2	11000	3500	.....	7760	25	45	6	9	28	11	59	61	30	42	291
Pocomoke Circuit.....	2	3	1200	1100	.....	500	9	15	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
Potomac.....	3	2	6000	1000	200	6000	9	20	3	4	12	6	25	26	13	18	129	
Powellville.....	4	4	3650	1150	143	900	7	15	2	2	10	4	21	21	11	14	100	
Prince George.....	2	2	1600	.....	.....	.....	3	8	1	2	4	4	8	9	4	6	46
Quantico.....	5	5	8600	500	.....	400	2	15	2	2	10	10	21	21	11	14	106
Queen Anne.....	2	2	2460	1000	.....	2800	22	15	2	2	10	8	21	21	11	14	104
Reliance.....	3	3	500	1000	.....	2600	6	15	2	2	10	14	21	21	11	14	110
Rowlandville.....	2	2	4000	1000	.....	3800	8	15	2	2	10	6	21	21	11	14	102
Salisbury	1	1	10000	2000	1600	9200	20	25	4	5	16	13	34	35	17	24	173	
Salem.....	1	1	4000	1200	.....	3800	10	15	2	2	10	4	21	21	11	14	100
Seaford.....	1	1	10000	1500	225	6900	11	25	4	5	16	12	34	35	17	24	172	
Snow Hill.....	3	4	20000	3000	3000	9000	20	25	4	5	16	13	34	35	17	24	173	
South Baltimore.....	1	1	21000	2000	300	2500	8	25	4	5	16	10	34	35	17	24	170	
Starr.....	1	1	37000	3000	.....	15000	22	65	9	13	42	11	89	91	44	63	427
Stewartstown	2	2	6500	1400	.....	4242	15	22	4	5	14	11	30	32	15	22	155
St. James.....	1	2	10000	2000	1000	9174	23	30	5	6	20	6	42	44	21	30	204	
St. Johns (Canton).....	1	1	1800	.....	273	2200	4	10	3	2	6	8	14	14	7	10	69
St. Lukes.....	1	1	15000	5000	4121	4000	4	30	5	6	20	16	42	44	21	30	214	
St. Michaels.....	2	2	3500	1500	.....	3100	23	20	3	4	12	7	25	26	13	18	128
Susquehanna.....	3	3	6500	4200	1800	8100	31	30	5	6	20	9	42	44	21	30	207	
Sussex.....	4	4	4800	2000	400	6600	22	25	4	5	16	20	34	35	17	24	180	
Talbot.....	3	3	4000	.....	200	1000	12	12	2	3	8	8	17	18	9	12	89
Trinity.....	2	2	9000	1000	94	9000	20	30	5	6	20	13	42	44	21	30	211	
Union.....	4	4	5000	1000	.....	2300	28	30	5	6	20	14	42	44	21	30	212
Union Bridge.....	2	2	9000	2000	700	4925	21	20	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129	
Violetsville.....	1	1	750	.....	.....	600	1	7	1	2	4	7	8	9	4	6	49
Waltersville.....	2	2	4500	1600	.....	3900	25	20	3	4	12	17	25	26	13	18	138
Warwick.....	3	3	3400	1000	.....	.....	17	24	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129
Waverly.....	1	1	2500	1500	.....	8700	1	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
West Baltimore.....	1	1	36000	1500	.....	16800	55	65	9	13	42	28	89	91	44	63	444
Westminster.....	1	1	25500	4000	.....	17300	12	55	8	12	36	9	77	79	38	54	369
Williamsport.....	3	3	1500	.....	.....	700	8	12	2	3	8	7	17	18	9	12	88
Wilmington.....	1	1	8500	.....	3300	4000	15	21	3	4	12	8	25	26	13	18	129
West Wilmington.....	1	1	4000	.....	1800	1600	4	10	3	2	6	12	14	14	7	10	78
Wye.....	2	1	1000	2000	.....	4000	14	15	2	3	8	8	17	18	9	12	89

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Total for General Interests.

	1903	1902	Increase	Decrease
President.....	\$ 2,966	\$ 2,336	\$ 630	
Conference	427	387	40	
Ministerial Education.....	565	504	61	
Seminary	1,796	1,687	109	
College	1,339	727	612	
Superannuates.....	3,541	3,203	338	
Church Extension	3,553	3,288	265	
Home Missions	1,753	1,607	146	
Foreign Missions.....	2,399	2,177	222	
Special for Foreign Missions.....	4,661	5,560		899
Bible.....	411	401	10	
Tract.....	364	332	32	
Church Home	595	519	76	
Total	24,410	22,728	1,682	

Total for Local Interests.

Pastors' Salary	73,731	71,945	1,789	
Parsonage Rent	12,187	6,665	5,522	
Current Expenses.....	25,706	29,071		3,365
Sunday School Expenses.....	11,371	10,728	643	
Paid on Building and Improvements.....	58,509	33,424	25,085	
Paid on Debt.....	25,104	14,836	10,268	
Miscellaneous.....	6,828	7,081		253
Total for Local Interests.....	210,439	170,749	39,690	
Total for All Purposes.....	234,849	193,477	41,372	

THOMAS R. WOODFORD,
Conference Steward.

Assessments.

President.....	3,000	2,991		9
Conference	472	457		15
Ministerial Education.....	619	613		6
Seminary.....	1,932	1,883		19
College	1,444	1,446	2	
Superannuates.....	4,033	3,979		54
Church Extension.....	4,188	4,155		33
Home Missions.....	2,041	2,055	14	
Foreign Missions.....	2,874	2,852		22

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Membership.

	1903	1902	Increase	Decrease
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers	68	68		
Probationers	1,367	1,405		41
Full Members	23,584	23,458	126	
Probationers at Last Conference	1,405	1,369	36	
Probationers Received	1,492	1,321	171	
Probationers Elected to Membership	901	929		28
Probationers Withdrawn	22	16	6	
Probationers Discontinued	295	293		2
Probationers Deceased	16	22		6
Full Members Received	1,916	1,877	39	
Full Members Withdrawn	392	306	56	
Full Members Discontinued	798	795	3	
Full Members Deceased	290	232	58	
Sunday Schools	271	265½	5½	
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3,457	3,586		129
New Scholars	2,180	2,886		306
Sunday School Scholars on Roll	25,120	25,327		306
Y. P. S. C. E. Societies	116	122		6
Y. P. S. C. E. Members	4,110	4,395		255
Junior C. E. Societies	54	57		3
Junior C. E. Members	2,100	2,067		67
Adults Baptized	184	153	33	
Children Baptized	1,764	1,388	376	
Conversions	2,178	2,149	229	

Property.

Appointments	290	285	5	
Churches	289½	285½	4	
Parsonages	96	94	2	
Value of Church Property	\$ 1,293,700	\$ 1,122,650	\$ 171,050	
Value of Parsonage Property	185,710	173,000	12,710	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages	75,738	76,930		1,192
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages	638,120	578,390	59,730	
Church Papers Taken	1,162	1,863		1

H. L. SCHLINKE,
C. E. DRYDEN,
Committee on Statistics.

MANUAL.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and the pastor of the church where the Conference is held.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Rule I—Duties of the President:—

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.

2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. Announce each person rising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."

5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

7. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

8. There shall be a meeting on Tuesday evening before the meeting of the Annual Conference in the interest of Temperance. On Wednesday evening (the first day of the session) there shall be a meeting in the interest of Sunday-Schools and Christian Endeavor; on Thursday evening, in the interest of Literature and Education; on Friday evening, in the interest of Missions, and on Monday evening, in the interest of Ministerial Support.

The President shall appoint a chairman for each of these meetings, who shall secure speakers, preside at the meeting and make all other necessary arrangements.

9. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

10. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

11. In the event of the death of any ministerial member the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

12. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

13. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$600 for the minister with family, appointed as pastor, who has itinerated five years within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and he shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors.

Rule II—Duties of the Secretary:—

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.
2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.
3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.
4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference.
6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.
7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference and in the order of its presentation.
8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record: First, the standing committees in the order of their arrangement in these rules, and second, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.
9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.
11. Be a member of the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.
12. Supply the pastors with blanks.
13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

COMMITTEES.

Rule III—All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of the Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

Rule IV—Standing Committees:—

1. Finance—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.
4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Literature—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Sunday Schools—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
12. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
13. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
14. Education—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
15. Committee on Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
16. President's Report—2 Ministers, 1 Layman.
17. Sabbath Observance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
18. Committee on Credentials—1 Minister, 2 Laymen.
19. Christian Endeavor Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
20. Publication of Minutes—The Secretary and 2 Ministers.
21. Committee on Transportation.
22. Committee on Church Enterprises—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Rule V—Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

Rule VI—Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

Rule VII—Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

Rule VIII—When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall

have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

Rule IX—The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

Rule X—When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

Rule XI—No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

Rule XII—A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

Rule XIII—No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

Rule XIV—In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

Rule XV—When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

Rule XVI—If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

Rule XVII—No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

Rule XVIII—When a member is called to order he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

Rule XIX—In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference. The question on such appeal shall be taken without debate, but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustains the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

Rule XX—No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of the Conference, nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

Rule XXI—No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto requests it, or unless another member requests.

Rule XXII—Any member shall have the right to call or the reading of the subject under consideration.

Rule XXIII—Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

Rule XXIV—After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

Rule XXV—A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

Rule XXVI—At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

Rule XXVII:—

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and when the name is reached on the Dead Roll an order of the day shall be named for memorial services for the deceased.

Rule XXVIII—At 10:30 o'clock on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon, and immediately thereafter the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The President shall also appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday.

Rule XXIX—At 2:30 o'clock P. M. on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot as follows: 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. Conference Steward. 4. Church Extension Steward. 5. Superannuated Fund Steward. 6. Foreign Missionary Steward. 7. General Home Missionary Steward. 8. Educational Steward. 9. Our Church Home Steward. 10. Bible and Tract Steward. The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant. 11. Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders and three laymen. 12. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

Rule XXX—Examination of Official Character. The roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character. Pastors, whose official reports are defective in any point, shall with the delegate be summoned before the committee to explain, and only those cases in which explanation may be unsatisfactory to the committee shall be reported to the Conference, and the characters of all ministers whose names are not reported shall be considered passed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.

Rule XXXI—The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer.

Rule XXXII—The reading of the Minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

Rule XXXIII—The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent; when any delegate, upon recognition by the Chair, may present any business, it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

Rule XXXIV—The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

Rule XXXV—When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session and at a specific hour.

Rule XXXVI—Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

Rule XXXVII—Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

Rule XXXVIII—When any business is taken into consideration it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day or by adjournment.

Rule XXXIX—When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward, Educational Steward, Our Church Home Steward, and Bible and Tract Steward, shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in this matter as contained in the Discipline, under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the Word of God and prayer, after which the business shall proceed in the following order:—

1. Call the roll, noting those present and absent.
2. Read minutes of last meeting.
3. Make necessary corrections in official list.
4. Consider objections to official character.
5. At first Quarterly Conference elect a Secretary, an Advisory Committee and Committee on Examinations.
6. Hear reports—
 - a. From pastor and associates.
 - b. From superannuates.
 - c. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.
 - d. From class-leaders, S. S. Superintendents and Presidents of C. E. Societies.
 - e. From Trustees and Stewards.
7. Hear and decide on appeals.
8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorter's and preacher's license for itinerancy and orders pursue the prescribed course of study and reading.
9. Grant and renew licenses.
10. Recommend to Board of Ministerial Education.
11. Recommend for orders and itinerancy.
12. Consider applications of ministers and preachers who desire to become members of this Quarterly Conference.
13. Hear suggestions from Advisory Committee.
14. Inquire why church property is not insured.
15. Incidental business.
16. Fix place for next Quarterly Conference.
17. Adjourn with benediction.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.

3. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-five years shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4. Every member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-leader and Sunday-school Superintendent; and every male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The placing of mortgages upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is, so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to the "Methodist Protestant" for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

TITLES AND DEGREES.

Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies—we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

Camp meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for ministerial supply and a pledge that the above regulations will be faithfully observed, the President of the Annual Conference shall appoint members of this Conference to assist in conducting the camp-meeting.

In the absence of a request and a pledge such as are named above, the President shall not appoint such ministerial supply, nor shall any member of this Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for church extension shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the conference year.

3. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be expected from collections and interest on legacies.

5. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper, and should the accused be found guilty he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory the missionary shall be authorized to select them accord-

ing to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; provided, however, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the session next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members.

9. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

16. The Society shall pay the traveling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the superannuated list.

2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the Committee is instructed to act accordingly.

3. The Committee in making appropriations shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration: 1. The time of service in the Conference. 2. The value of said service to the Conference. 3. The size of family. 4. The peculiarities of location, etc. 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society.

5. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

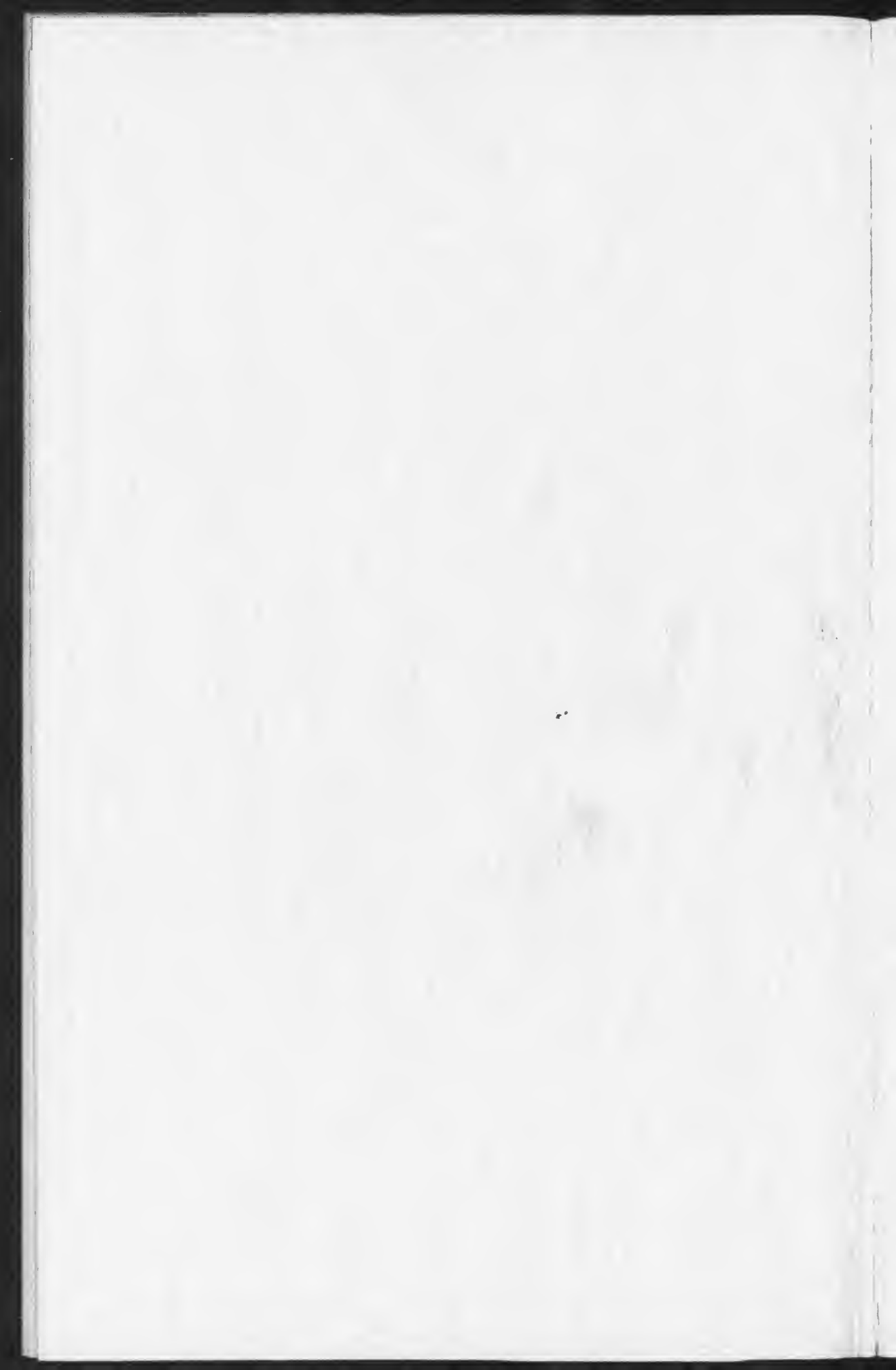
6. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

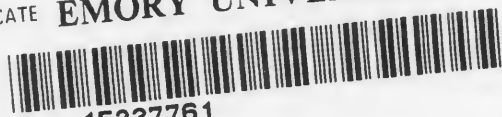
8. Every pastor is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5 in addition to the Superannuated Collection, to assist any person who may be placed on the Superannuated List at that session.

9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year:—

1. What is your present place of residence? Post office address?
2. Do you desire a superannuated relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children, respectively?
4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
6. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
7. Do your children attend our Sabbath-school? If not, why not?



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